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i. 1890 James Matthew Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mary Theresa (Marshall) Wright, And His Descendants

1890 James Matthew Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

On December 5, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/13 James M. Wright purchased 68 acres of land from Silas and Polly Dearing:

> "This Indenture made and entered into December 5th day of 1844 between Silas Dearin and his wife Polly of the first part and James M. Wright of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Va Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of ____ dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained, sold & confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell and confirm & deliver unto him the said James M. Wright one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and upon the waters of Beaverdam Creek, it being all of that same tract of land deeded to me on the 3rd day of this present month by Peter M Wright and is bounded by the lands of Edmund Haynes, John Dent, Wilson Wheeler and others, containing Sixty eight acres be the same more or less. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said James M. Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The said Silas Dearin & his wife Polly doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said James M Wright his heirs and assigns to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all and singular its appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining free from the claims or demands of ourselves or of all manner of persons claiming by, through and under us and none other. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the day and date first above written
>
> Signed in presence of Silas Dearing
> her
> Polly X Dearin
> mark
>
> Bedford County to Wit
>
> We William Mead and John Claytor and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in said County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Polly Dearin the wife of Silas Dearin parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 5" day of December

1844 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Polly Dearin acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 26" day of July 1845

William Mead J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.
Matthew Pate JP

At a Court held for Bedford County the 28" day of July 1845

This deed from Silas Dearing and wife to James M Wright was acknowledged by the said Silas Dearing Certified as to his wife and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno A. Steptoe CBC"

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James M Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James M Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

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Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.10

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held In fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James M Wright	Bedford	fee	68	Head of Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
4 W	2.00		36.00	.14	from Silas Dearen

This record reflects the purchase of 68 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 32/13.

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James M. Wright	1			

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

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Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James M Wright	Bedford	fee	68	Head of Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
24 W	2.00		136.00	.14	from Silas Dearen

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James M. Wright	Bedford	fee	68	Head of Beaverdam Creek

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
24 W	2.00		136.00	.14	from Silas Dearen

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James M Wright	1			1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
1						

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.38

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James M. Wright	Bedford	fee	68	Head of Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
24 W	2.00		136.00	.14	from Silas Dearin

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
James M. Wright	1				1

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars Cents
	.35

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
James M Wright	Bedford	fee	68	Head of Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on of account buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
24 W	2.00		136.00	.14	Silas Dearen

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and his age as 25 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1825.

On November 10, 1851, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. D/321 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Joseph C. Hawley and Benjamin Hawley to secure a debt of $800 due to Peter M. Wright.

The marriage bond of James M. Wright and Mary T. Marshall, daughter of Sally, was dated on February 9, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, with F. P. Marshall as surety with the marriage on February 12, 1852:

> "The Clerk of Bedford County Court is authorised to Issue Lisense to join in holy Wedlock James M Wright to Mary T. my daughter Feb the 9" 1852
>
> Witness Sally Marshall
> Francis P Marshall

> Know all Men by these Presents, That we, James M. Wright and Thomas P. Marshall are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 9" day of February 1852.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James M. Wright and Mary T. Marshall Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.
>
> James M Wright
> T. S. Marshall"

<u>Marriage Notices from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1837-1860</u> stated that on February 23, 1852, The Lynchburg Virginian published the following marriage notice for James M. Wright and Mary T. Marshall:

> "Wright, James M., married Mary T. Marshall, dau. of ?? ?? on 02/12/1852. Groom of Bedford Co. Bride of Bedford Co. The Lynchburg Virginian, 02/23/1852, p.3, c.2."

On November 28, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/341 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Sarah Marshall to secure a debt due to John A. Marshall.

The birth record of Susan S. E. Wright was dated on June 6, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Susan S. E. Wright
Date of Birth:	June 6, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	James M. Wright
Mother's Name:	Mary T. Wright"

On June 6, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/162 James Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by John G. Gilpin and Ann Gilpin to secure a debt due to Peter M. Meador:

> "This deed of trust made the 6th day of June 1853 between John O Gilpin & Ann Menerva Jane his Wife of the one part and James M Wright of the other part. Witness that the said John O Gilpin & Ann Minerva Jane his Wife doth grant unto the said James M Wright the following property to Wit one Certain tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on the Waters of beaverdam Creek Containing about 78-1/8 acres it being the Whole of the land deeded to him by Isaac Gilpin as Will more fully appear by reference to his deed and the Same That the Said John O Gilpin now lives on also another tract Which Said John O Gilpin hath purchased of William Dickerson near the first named tract in the same County and has paid apart of the purchased money but the title not yet conveyed by said Dickerson Containing about 100 acres. Also all his right title and interest to all the property of every description both real & personal given to him by the last Will and Testament of Isaac Gilpin Decd and the further named personal property to Wit, two bay mares & their increase. One Cow & her increase 8 head of hogs & 8 head of Sheep With their increase three feather beds & steads & furniture one cupboard and Contents, and loom & fixtures, 2 Tables, 10 chairs, one Waggon and gear One big plow Two Shovel plows Two coulters one cythe and cradle One mowing Cythe & Snead One Iron tooth harrow, One Cultivator, three hilling hoes 2 Mattocks, One lock chain 2 pole axes one broad axe, one fro ten stands of bees, One clock 4 Chest Shovel & tongs one spade One double banded gun one crop of Old Tobacco and one growing Crop, parsel of old Corn, one growing Crop of Wheat, One crop of Clover, one growing Crop of Oats 5 hogsheads 5 barrels 6 stacks, one cotton Wheel, one flax Wheel, one Seel 2 pottes, 2 Ovens, one frying pan and one churn. In trust

to secure a debt of Seven hundred dollars due to Peter M Wright by bond bearing date With This deed, but not to be paid for 12 months from this date, but to bear interest. Witness the following Signatures and Seals this day & date first Written

John O Gilpin

In the Clerks office of Bedford County Court the 7th day of June 1853

This deed of trust from John O Gipin to James M Wright trustee for the benefit of Peter M Wright Was produced in the office acknowledged by the said John O Gilpin and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On July 5, 1854, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/425, James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James T. Franklin to secure a debt due to Peter Meador Wright, Senior.

On January 6, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/79 James M. Wright, as trustee, sold the land of John O. Gilpin secured by a deed of trust to Peter M. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this the 6th day of January 1855 between James M Wright trustee, as herein after stated, of the one part, and Peter M. Wright of the other part witnesseth, that whereas John O Gilpin did by deed bearing date 6" day of June 1853 conveying in trust to the said James M Wright his interest in his Father Isaac Gilpins estate for the purpose of Securing a debt therein mentioned, due Peter M Wright, which interest after being adertised was sold on the 6" day of January 1855, by the said trustee, agreeable to the provisions of said deed of trust, and the said Peter M Wright being the highest bidder, became the purchaser, thereof at the price of $109.41 which sum of One hundred and nine dollars, and forty One Cents, after paying costs, and commissions, was applied as a credit upon the debt secured in said deed, now this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the interest, and the sum of $109.41 cts. in hand paid to James M Wright doth grant unto the Said Peter M Wright his heirs, and assigns forever, all that Interest conveyed and described in the Said deed of trust as aforesaid with all, and singularly the interest unto him, the said Peter M Wright, his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use, and behoof of him, the said Peter M Wright his heirs and assigns forever, and the Said James M Wright herein, as aforesaid for himself, his heirs executors, and administrators, doth warrant and defend all such right and title, to the aforesaid

Interest, as is vested in him, by virtue of the deed of trust aforesaid, and none other, unto the said Peter M Wright his heirs and assigns forever free from the Claim, or claims of all, and every other person, or persons claiming under him. Witness the following signature and Seal.

James M Wright trustee

At a Court held for Bedford County 27" Nov. 1855. This deed __ James M. Wright trustee, to Peter M Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in Court acknowledged by the James M Wright, and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.BC"

On January 8, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/268, James M. Wright, as trustee, sold to Joseph Saunders the land conveyed to him under the deed of trust at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 36/162. A similar conveyance was also recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/342.

On January 8, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/342 James M. Wright, as trustee, sold 78 1/8 acres of land held by him as trustee under a deed of trust:

"This deed made the 8th day of January in the year 1855 between James M Wright trustee of in a deed of trust made the 6th day of June by John O Gilpin to secure a debt of Seven hundred dollars with legal interest thereon from that date due to Peter M Wright and of record in the clerks office of the County Court of Bedford and Joseph Saunders Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of six hundred and thirty five dollars the said James M. Wright trustee of the said John O. Gilpin doth grant unto the said Joseph Saunders all that tract or parcel of land owned and lived upon by the said John O Gilpin as described in the said deed of trust which will more fully appear by reference to the deed made by Isaac Gilpen & wife to the said John O Gilpin conveying to him the above tract of land containing 78-1/8 acres more or less.

Witness the following signature and seal

James M Wright

Bedford County to wit,

Isaac James Jr a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that James M Wright whose name is signed to the writing

hereto annexed bearing date on the 8th day of January 1855 his acknowledge the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 5th day of June

Isaac James

In the clerks office of Bedford County Court April 9th 1855 This deed from James M Wright trustee to Joseph Saunders was produced in the said office together with the certificate accknowledgement thereto annexed and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur"

On January 19, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/259, James M. Wright recorded a list of sales he had made as trustee under the deed of trust at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/342:

"Having been appointed by John O Gilpin trustee in a deed executed by him on the 6th day of June in the year 1853 and of record in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford I beg leave to report to the Clerk thereof the following list of sales made by me on the 6th day of January 1855 at public auction for cash I sold to the highest bidder Joseph Saunders the first tract of land named in said deed of trust for the sum of six hundred & thirty five dollars I next sold in the same way to Peter M Wright sen for one hundred and nine dollars Forty cents all that interest described in said deed of trust as being secured to the said John O Gilpin by the last will & testament of Isaac Gilpen decd this January 19th 1855.

James M. Wright
trustee

In the clerks office of the County Court of Bedford January 22d 1855

This list of sales of John O Gilpin under a deed of trust made by James M Wright trustee was filed in the said office and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur clk"

The birth record of William P. Wright was dated on July 8, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Wm P. Wright
Date of Birth:	July 8, 1855
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	James M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Mary T
No. at Birth:	1"

On July 19, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/463 James M. Wright acted as tustee on a deed of trust executed by Nixon W. Thomas to secure a debt due to R. A. Lee & Co.

On August 29, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/80 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright and John and Rachel Dent sold 178 acres of land to Peter M. Wright:

> "This deed made the 29" day of August, in the year One thousand eight hundred, and fifty five, between John Dent, and Rachel, his wife, James M Wright and Mary T. his wife, of the one part, and Peter M Wright, of the other part, Witnesseth that in consideration of One hundred dollars, the said James M Wright, and Mary T. his wife, John Dent, and Rachel his wife, doth grant unto the said Peter M Wright, all that tract of land, known as the hog tract, and a part of the tract known as Greens place containing, together, about 178 acres, and adjoining each other, and bounded, as follows. Beginning at a large red oak, corner between the two above named tracts of land, also corner to Daniel Fouts standing on a hill side, and on the waters of Beaverdam Creek, and North of Greens Mountain, thence with Fouts line S 41-1/4° E 57 poles to pointers corner to Samuel West, thence with his line S 71-1/4° E 50 poles and 20 links to pointers, corner to Dooleys heirs, thence with their line N. 52-3/4° E. 164-1/2 poles to pointers, thence off new line N 42° W 78 poles to pointers, thence N 5-1/4° W 10 poles cor__ sourwood, thence N 4° E. 20 poles to a chesnut oak thence N 29-1/2° E 9 poles to two small red oaks, thence N. 31° W 18 poles to a white oak, thence N. 65-1/2° W. 42 poles to two small maples, thence N. 23-1/2° W 10 poles to pointers, in Lawhorn's old line thence with his line S 67-1/2° W. 22 poles to corner hickory, and pointers to first named Hog tract, thence with the old line of said tract, it being at this time, Grays line also Xroad, and to Haldrons line, passing his Kitchen Chimney, and crossing two, or 3 branches to a corner gum, on the side of the mountain, thence S. 2° W __ poles to a corner Chesnut at Daniel Fouts field, thence S 81° E 12 poles to beginning. That they will warrant

specially the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals.

John Dent
Rachel Dent
James M Wright
Marty T Wright

Virginia Bedford County to Wit

I Washington Howell a Notary public, for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that John Dent, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the 29 day of August 1855, has acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid. I do further certify that Rachel Dent, the Wife of John Dent, Also Mary T. Wright, the wife of James M Wright parteys to this deed, and whose names is hereto anext after having the deed fully explaned to them seprate and aparte from their husbands acknowledged the same to be their acts, and deeds, and willingly signed sealed and delivered the same before me in my County aforesaid given under my hand this 5 day of November 1855

Washington Howell N.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County 27 November 1855. This deed from John Dent and Wife, and James M Wright and wife, to Peter M Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by James M. Wright and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, ordered to be recorded

Teste
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C."

On July 4, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/373 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James T. Franklin.

On August 15, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/293 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust to secure Peter M. Wright:

"This Deed made the 15" day of August 1856 between Thomas Simmons of the one part and James M. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Simmons doth grant unto the said James M. Wright the following property To Wit, one Mans Saddle one cythe & cradle, two feather bed & Stead & furniture, seven head of hogs & their future increase, one table two chest 7 chairs two hoes two axes one mattock two pots two ovens & two Skillets one cotton wheel one flax wheel one set of Coopers tools one Set shoe makers tools one bridle one set gear one plow & one coulter & all other of my household & kitchen

furniture one crop wheat & straw all my growing crop of corn & tobacco fodder & shucks. In Trust to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright Sen. of Seventy nine Dollars & forty one cents nevertheless not to be paid till 1" day of November next but to bear legal Interest,. Witness the following Signature & seal this day & date first written

his
Thomas X Simmons
mark

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 15" day of August 1856. This Deed of Trust from Thomas Simmons to James M. Wright was acknowledged in the said Office by the said Simmons and admitted to record as to him.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C. F. C."

On September 8, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/435 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Morgan G. Dent to secure a debt due to John G. Dent.

On September 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 24/318 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright:

"This Deed made the 4" day of September one thousand eight hundred fifty six between Jacob Kesler of the one part and James M. Wright of the other part. Witnesseth: That the said Jacob Kesler doth grant unto the said James M. Wright the following property. To Wit: all that tract or parcel of land on which I now reside it being the same that I purchased of Peter M. Wright of Bedford County and the legal title to which is still in him the purchase money not being all paid and the following property, Viz, one waggon, two sets of gear, one turning plow, one shovel plow, two harrows two hoe axes, eight head cattle their future increase all my present crop of wheat, all my growing crops of corn & Tobacco, two Saddles, five beds with ther steads & furniture, one safe & its contents, one bureau one desk, three tables eight chairs, two chests one clock two pots, two Ovens one Sorrel mare, two cythes & cradles, two mowing blades & fixtures, two hand saws & two augers, six barrels four tubs one churn, ten crocks, three fat Stands In trust to secure a debt due to Henry H. Kesler of eight hundred dollars with legal interest thereon from this date but not to be paid till 25' day of December 1858: Witness the following Signature & Seal.

Jacob Kesler

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) To Wit:

I Peter M. Wright a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid in the State of Va. do certify that Jacob Kesler whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date with this cirtificate has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid and wished me to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin in order to have it recorded. Given under my hand this the fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred & fifty Six.

Peter M. Wright J. P.

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 8" day of September 1856.

This Deed of Trust from Jacob Kesler to James M. Wright for the purposes herein expressed was exhibited into the said office and together with the certificate hereon endorsed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.C."

The birth record of Julia A. Wright was dated on May 21, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Julia A. Wright
Date of Birth:	May 21, 1857
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	James M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Mary T Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On July 27, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/234 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James T. Franklin to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On June 22, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/42 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Richard B. Feather to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright.

The birth record of Mary E. Wright was dated on October 4, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Mary E. Wright
Date of Birth:	October 4, 1858
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	James M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Mary T. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household on July 12, 1860, at Davis Mill Post Office:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James M. Wright	35	M		Farmer	1,500
M. Wright	30	F			
Susan Wright	7	F			
____ Wright	5	M			
____ Wright	3	F			
____ Wright	2	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
1,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record indicates that James M. Wright was born about 1825 and that Mary T. (Marshall) Wright was born about 1830.

On July 30, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/304 James M. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Samiuel Adams to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright, Sr:

> "This Deed made the 30th day of July in the year 1860 between Samiuel Adams of the one part & James M Wright of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Samuel Adams doth grant unto to the said James M. Wright the following property to wit, all my crop of wheat & oats with the Straw of the same together with all my growing crops of corn & tobacco in trust to secure the payment of a debt due to Peter M. Wright Sen. by amount of one hundred and forty Six dollars & Sixty Sevin cents. Witness the following Signature and Seal.
>
> Samiuel his X mark Adams
>
> Bedford County to wit
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> I Jubal D. Meador a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and the State of Virginia do certify that Samiuel Adams whose name is signed to the above writing hearunto annexed being date the 30 day of July 1860 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand the 28th day of August 1860.
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> Jubal D. Meador J.P.
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> In Bedford County Court Clerks Office 31st August 1860
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> This deed of trust from Samuel Adams to James M. Wright Trustee conveying personal property for the benefit of Peter M. Wright was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed and admitted to record.
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> Teste - A. A. Arthur C.B.C"

On February 25, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/426 James M. Wright filed a list of the assets of Samuel Adams sold at public auction on December 20, 1860:

> "Memorandum of the sale of the property of Samuel Adams sold by me as Trustee at Publick auction on a credit of Six months December 20 1860

Names of Purchasers	Items Sold		
C. T. Smith	Stack oats		$7.00
Wm. Basham	" Fodder		.50
Silas Dearing	" Blades		2.55
Edward Dearing	Top Stack		.37½
Silas Dearing	Stack Blades		2.55
Joseph W. Mays	House Tobacco		26.75
" "	½ " "		5.00
" "	" " "		15.00
James M. Matthews	" " "		12.50
Wm. W. Basham	10 Barrels corn	3.57½	35.75
" " "	9 " "	3.57	32.13
" " "	3-1/6 Short corn	1.30	4.11

James M. Wright Trustee

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office February 25th 1861

This List of Sales of the property of Samuel Adams by James M. Wright Trustee, was produced in said office and admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C"

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright to convey 18 acres of land to Evan J. Webb:

> "This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H

McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T

Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr:

"This deed made the 28th day of May in year one thousand and eight hundred and Sixty one between Susan Wright, James M Wright & Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Peter M Wright & Sarah J his wife, Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife, Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright, & Louisa F Wright, of the one part & Charles H McMannaway of the other part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars we the said Grantees do grant unto the said Charles H McMannaway a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford on the east branch of Beaver dam Creek containing one hundred and eighty three 3/4 more or less and bounded as follows beginning at a stake in the Peatown Road (Wills & Thomas corner) thence North 22°1/4 E 184°8/10 poles to a hickory on the side of the mountain thence S 26 E 31-1/2 poles to an old marked hickory about 3/4 of a pole west of a large rock on the south east side of ridge thence N 33-3/4 E 45 poles in Dickinson's line thence S 80 E 140 poles to two pointers Chestnuts near an old field a corner in McManaways line Thence S 41 W 9-8/10 poles to 4 chestnuts three growing from the same root on top of the mountain N 88-1/2 W

35 poles to a pile of rocks & pointers thence S 47-1/2 W 72-1/2 poles to a hickory on a ridge the S 3-3/4 E 83-8/10 poles to 3 post oaks on the top of the Mountain thence S 11-3/4 W 28-4/10 poles to a dogwood on the side of the mountain near the top thence S 74-3/4 W 50-1/2 poles passing an old Corner locust in all 70-1/2 poles to a planted stone near a white oak thence S 8 poles to a stake & pile of rocks on a bank ____ poles to a white former corner two white oaks one gone thence N 22-1/4 E 64-2/10 poles to the first station & we the Grantees do further covenant the we will forever warrant & defend the right & title to the said tract of land with all the appurtenances thereunto attached to the said Charles H McManaway his heirs personal representatives & assigns against the claims & demands of all persons whomsoever Witness the following signatures & seals the day day & year above written

Susan Wright
James M Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr, James M Wright, Stephen W Wright, Joel Wright James D Craft, Joel B Lemon and William W Basham, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of May 1861, have acknolwedged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861

J M Matthews

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify, that Sarah J Wright Wife of Peter M Wright Jr, Mary T Wright Wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft Wife of James D Craft, Eliza A Lemon wife of Joel B Lemon and Susan J Basham the wife of William W

Basham, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Sarah J Wright Mary T Wright Mary J Craft Eliza A Lemon and Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be their acts, and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861

J M Matthews JP
F. H Jeter JP

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse August 26th 1861

This deed from Susan Wright and others to Charles H McManaway conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On July 25, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/546 Gustavus A. Wingfield, as commissioner, conveyed to James M. Wright 73 acres of land purchased by Peter M. Wright in his lifetime and allotted to James M. Wright as an heir:

"This deed made this 25 day of July 1861 Between G A Wingfield commissioner acting under a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County of the one part and James M Wright of the other part, Whereas in a suit in chancery depending in the Sd Circuit Court of Bedford County between Williamson Burnett & Wm H Pate plaintiffs against William Gish Washington Howell & others defendants, on the 3rd day of May 1860, it was (among other things) adjudged ordered & decreed that the said G A Wingfield (who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose should sell by way of public auction. Certain Lands of the said Washington Howell in the bill & proceedings mentioned and whereas the said Wingfield after having first advertised the same as directed by the said decree did on the 25 day of August 1860, did pursuant to the said decree proceed to sell at Public Auction, parcels of the Lands in the said decree mentioned belonging to the said Washington Howell situate in the said County of Bedford, one tract or parcel described in a trust deed from the said Howell to Silas Dearing in the proceedings of said suit mentioned as containing Seventy three acres, and the other described in the said said deed as containing Sixty acres, but alleged on the day of Sale to contain only fifty eight & a fourth acres, at which sales one Peter M Wright became the highest bidder & purchaser of the said first mentioned tract at the price of $630. and also of the said last named

tract at the price of $551. making for both tracts the sum of $1181.00 (the said sales being in gross & not by the acre), and thereupon the said Peter M Wright paid down in cash the sum of $60- and executed his bond with security for the sum of $1121 (the residue of the price of said lands) payable Six months after date. And whereas by another decree of the said Circuit court made on the 26th day of September 1860. It was (among other things) adjudged ordered & decreed that the said sale of the said Lands should be confirmed. And that the said Wingfield should collect the said bond when it became due and that when the purchase money of the same should be fully paid, the said Wingfield should convey the same to the said Peter M Wright his heirs or assigns by proper deed for that purpose with special warranty - And whereas since the confirmation of the said sale the said Peter M Wright has departed this life intestate and in the division & allotment of the Lands whereof he died seized the said two tracts of Land aforesaid were allotted & assigned to the said James M Wright as one of the heirs & distributees of the said Peter M Wright decd and the administrators of the said Peter M Wright having fully paid off the said Bond and requested the said lands to be conveyed to the said James M Wright. Now therefore these presents witnesseth that the said G A Wingfield in consideration of the premises & the sum of one dollar, in pursuance & in virtue of the power vested him by the decree aforesaid, doth grant unto the said James M Wright his heirs or assigns forever the two tracts or parcels of Land aforesaid with special warranty - Witness the following signature and seal

G A Wingfield Comm

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office the 25th day of July 1861

This deed from G A Wingfield commissioner to James M Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office acknowledged by the said G A Wingfield and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that James Mathew Wright enlisted as a private in Company B of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on August 24, 1861, at Stewartsville, age 37, was born about 1825 at Bedford County, was a farmer, age 36, at the Davis Mills Post Office in the 1860 Census for Bedford County, was present through February 28, 1865, was wounded in action according to a post-war roster, surrendered at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, and died on July 6, 1898, at Stewartsville,

at age 65. As will be set forth below, the date of death was incorrectly listed and should be 1890.

In September or October 1861 in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

> "Dear Mother and Sisters I take up my to write you a few lines as Mr Williams is going to start for Bedford in the Morning I did not feel willing to let the opportunity pass without writing to some of you I have some three or four times since we have been here I am not very well this evening but hope I will I will soon be out again I have had a very severe cold but I had a good appetite untill to day I have not eat any to day yet but I feel better this evening than I did this morning I have no news to write to you as I do not see any papers and I hear so much that I do not believe anything I hear unless I know it is so I am much better pleased than I expected to be with Camp life but it may be because I do not have as much to do as some of them for there are some very much displeased or pretend to be so but I see no reason why they should be so unless it is because they are not at liberty to roam about over the country for days at a time and do nothing as they have been doing here to fore. They now have to drill 5 times a day and that does not suit them but I have found no fault yet. I do not have to drill much I drill as I can get the chance some days I drill three or four times and some days I do not go into line at all some times I have to go to the Commissaries Office three or times a day some days not more than once but have to go every day. I do not have to stand guard or anything of that kind my business is get the provisions from the commissary and divide it out to the men. Cary and bring letters to and from the Post Office for the Company &c &c
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> how are you all getting on since we left is Julia still there or is she gone to Franklin has she heard from Wm how does he like and where is he &c I saw a letter from Ann to Harvy last Saturday but did not hear anything from home or from you I am getting very anxious to hear from you all Wm J. Jeter got a letter this evening but gone to see him since he read it I expect to to see him now in few minutes. His tent is some fifty yards from ours we are here to gether almost as thick beehives you must excuse bad writing and its being so much disconnect for there has not been two minutes together since I commced writing but there has been some three or four in the talking laughing &c. You all must write to me as soon as you get this. you must go down and see Mary soon and often cheer her up all you can for I know she is lonely and lonesome. Fannie write to me immediately and give me all the news &c I must close by ascribing myself your affectionate son and Brother direct your letters to me Camp Lee Staunton Va. care of Capt. J. D. Meador
>
> James M. Wright"

On October 11, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Lee Staunton Va Oct 11nd 1861

Dearly Beloved Sister Fannie

I take my seat to answer your kind and thrice welcome letter of the 14th which came to hand on the 16th I was rejoiced to hear you Mother & my own family were well I was sorry to hear that Jack had been Ill but hope ere this he is quite well as I know you all must have a hard time of it if your main stay is laid up but I also have been Ill since I wrote to you but have so far recovered as to fee quite well once more I yet have a bad cough but I think it Measle cough as we have been with them for sometime I have felt very well since Sunday last. Peter and I started out of Camp about 9 Oclock on sunday morning to visit a Mrs Mays sister to Cousin Joel and James Wright she lives about 2 miles from our camp we found her and her son Wm at home the only child she has with her they were well and very pert and lively we staid with them untill about 4 Oclock in the evening Fannie you ought to have seen us sit up to the table at dinner and eat we had not been to table to eat a meals, victuals for nearly four weeks and I had scarcely eat anything for a week but on that day I eat Bacon and Cabbage Coffee with milk in it butter preserves milk &c &c but enough I was very uneasy for a while for fear it would lay me up but it cured me and I am well and hearty since I think it stayed me very much indeed they would have us to promise to pay them another visit if we remain here which I will willingly redeem If I have the chance but we received orders this morning to hold ourselves in readiness to march tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock with one days provision cooked I expect we will go to Montarey we may start now at that time as we this evening changed our Guns We would not start with the old flint lock musket for there was about 13 of them that would not fire We now have the percussion musket and are very well pleased with them some of the boys think they can take a Yankee at 3 or 4 hundred yards and I except they would kill a man at least that far perhapse farther if they give us balls to shoot out of them but enough supposition as I expect we will have a chance to try them in the next eleven months but it is thought here they some there will not be much more fighting out in the mountains this winter but I do not believe any of us can tell when or where we will have to face an enemy but those that have been out there say the yankees will not stand and let us get close to them they say they shoot well but but cannot stand to see us keep rushing on after they shoot at us but will break and run they think if we would stop and shoot with them they would fight manfully but when they see us keep marching as though we would go through their they break and run and generally in every direction. I intend giving you an outline of our Journey from home to and our stay at this place in this letter but since we have received marching orders I concluded to wright what I could tonight as day has been draw

and distributing day with I have been very busy I generally draw provisions for four days at a time and distribute about half at a time and on draw days I have several things to do I generally go to the Commissariat from three to five times per day distance from Camp 1/4 mile also to the Post Office nearly 1/2 mile besides dividing the provisions so you may have some idea of what I have to do but then I do not drill any on these occasions or at any other time unless it suits me to do so but I try to drill enough to learn the manual of arms as well as I can but since I was sick I have not drilled any I dont believe I have told you what was the matter with me I had a severe misery in my neck shoulders breast and stomach with loss of appetite the Dr thought my liver was about to cease to act he gave some blue mass which I took and worked off with Oil that and my big dinner on sunday last cured me I hope I may now be able to go on with out any more sickness as I can tell you this is no place for a sick man if he help it There is a great deal of sicknes sickness amongst some of the regiments that have gone out west but not verry much amongst the Virginians There are good many measles some mumps and a few cases of fever there is at this time over one thousand patints at the hospital at this place but many of them are not much sick but they are not able to march and have to go there when we leave to go any where else. but the most of them are men who have been sent back from this army out in the mountains as they have no Hospitals out there unless it may some temporary ones Billy Jeter has been complaning some days I saw him sunday he did not appear to be much sick his liver does not act well we will have to leave twelve or 15 of our men at Hospital some of them have and some are just taking measles they will not let any go who they think are taking measles untill they get well they say they can do better for them here than out there but Fannie I am getting very tired as I did not commince this till about 8 Oclock tonight so I must close by asking you to excuse bad writing orthography and worse dictating Peter is well he wrote to Miss E. S. Dearing this evening Harvy is well and pacing round as usual &c H G Compton is well and peart as a cricket Your acquaintances are all in good health Fannie if I had time to write another sheet I might get in the most I would like to write to you but I must quit for to night you must write to me immediately on the receipt of this give me all the news go down and see Mary often &c give my love to all enquiring friend reserve a large portion for yourself write and direct as before &c

James M Wright"

On November 9, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Mc___ November 9th 1861

Very much beloved Sister I again seat myself to write you a few line in answer to your very kind and interesting letter of the 30th last which I received in the 3rd of

the present Month. It was quite a treat to me for we had just completed our march from Staunton to this place had pitched our Tents and were lolling resting and thinking of home and dear ones there when our letters were brought in and I for one was in precisely the right mood to enjoy news from one so near home. I am as well and hearty as you ever saw me with exception of a large boil on the back of my right hand which makes me a little careful how I use it or let it swing down it pesters me a little even in writing hope it will last much longer from the appearance it will be ready to open in a day or two more and then if I can keep cold out of it I was quite sorry to learn that Jackson gets no better hope he will soon be well again Mary and the children how are they is Mary well. was it Diptheria that Susan(?) had or the Tonsills of her Throat enlarged as heretofore

How does Joshua make out since he has but Coley and Sly to work does he seem to be getting along prettey well or does Mary appear to have every thing to attend to since I left I wrote to her by Peter when he went home I had also written directly after got here hope I will soon hear from home by some as I have written different ones there yet it is almost impossible for me to write anything interesting to you there for we get no general News of the County and as to Camp lies and reports they are not worth telling if we were to attempt to tell them we would never know when we had told the truth You asked if Monterey was as pretty a place as Staunton it is about as much inferior to Staunton as X Roads or P town is Liberty Monterey is a low Marshy place with a poor Crawfishey Country around it except the Mountains which is nearly all there is from here to Staunton we are not Stationed at Monterey but about 7-1/2 miles almost directly north of it at the Junction of Strait Creek and the South fork of the Patomac river they make a very pretty little Valley at this place it is almost as level here as the yard there at Mothers and at this time is nearly covered in water Baldwins regiment while Stationed here cut little trenches which keeps it out of Our Tents and draws it off some we are very close to the river we get all of our water out of it to use. there is said to be a very good spring on the opposite side of it a few yards above the encampment I have not seen it. Fannie what would you think of a place with in less than one hundred and thirty miles of you where the Sun rises after 8 A.M. and Sets by or before three in P.M. Such a place is this we cannot look out any direction with out beholding a lofty mountain above us as it were to the foot of which is not more than 1-1/2 miles to the farthest one and one in less than 70 Yards and on the opposite side not over two hundred yards Yet I like the place when dry but I think it too low and Muddy for the winter We have many reports as it regards where we will go too to take winter quarters some say to Staunton some to Goshen or the Spring near Goshen. Some to Monterey Some Stribblers Springs Some to Franklin down south in Pendlton some to Petersburg in Harding County and Some to Lynchburg My opinion is that none of them know when or where we will go but I hope to some place on the railroad for then we can get letters so much quicker than when they come by Stage or horseback. we are here waiting Orders from General Jackson they may come at any time or we may

stay here some time You asked how Billy Jeter was he was left at Staunton. Capt Kasey received a letter from his Father asking a Furlough for him to go home it was sent to him a few days after Kasey received another from him saying the Furlough had not come to hand and that Billy was broke out thick with measles I expect he is at home before this time at any rate he has a sick Furlough we left Several of our little band at the same time we have sent some ten or twelve to(?) Monterey the Wests Fouts Horn and Pace with some 25 or 30 others are here yet all well. Tell Peter there is no change since he left Our Sick will be sent to Staunton as soon as it fairs off write as soon as you get this

James M Wright"

On December 8, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp McColloch Highland Co Va
Dec the 8th 1861

Beloved Mother & Sister I take my pen to write you a line or two in answer to yours of 27th last which I received last Tuesday it found us quite well Both Peter Harvy and my self I am in fine health and have been ever since I have been at this place and hope these lines may find you all well and doing well I was vary proud when I received your kind letter for I had not heard from home since Peter came back and I had began to think long of the time I can tell you it is quite a treat here for us to receive letters from Dear ones at home and to hear how you are all getting along we can believe what we hear by letter but as to Camp tales I never believe any thing I hear untill I know it is so for you can hear anything you want to hear I do not care what it is by going out and walking through Camp We heard last night that there were one hundred and sixty waggons at Monterey loading on provisions and were hauling them back to Staunton if that should be true I expect we will leave this place sometime time soon but where we will go I can not tell it was reported at the same time we would go down to Winchester or back to Staunton they could not find out which but my belief is if we moove at all it will be to someplace on the railroad I never have thought we would stay here this winter yet we may for there is no telling here what kind of orders we may receive in the next twenty four hours we had orders some ten or twelve days past to hold ourselves in readiness to march at any time since that time we have getting Boards to cover our huts as though they never intend to finish them. They have been at work at the houses long enough to have had them nearly done or quite yet we have not raised more than one third of them have not one board on or plank hauled or rock for the chimnies. they say they logs have enough cut but there are many of them to haul yet but we care but little about them now anyway for we turned out the other day and built chimnies to our tents

which makes them quite comfortable some of the companies made flues in place of chimnies one of which set the Tent on fire last night and nearly burned it up it caused quite an alarm but it did not last long not more than two or three minutes yet it was long enough to ruin the Tent but I do not apprehend any danger from the chimnies as they are all built of stone up as high as our heads and then set a flour Barrel on top them it make a very complete chimney

I was very glad to hear you were getting along so well at home and also at my house for I was quite uneasy about home I was affraid Mary and Mother too to would have too much to attend to for their constitutions and would lay them selves up by trying to do too much for it would be very distressing to me to have a loving loving wife at home sick and not be able to come and stay with her it is hard enough to be apart and all in good health but to hear they were ill or suffering at home it would much worse but I hope and trust it will not be my hard lot to hear such news while I remain in the Army though I getting very fearful there is some thing the matter now as I have written two letters that I have received no answers to but hope for the better and attribute it to the mails as they are very irrigular from Monterey to Staunton some weekes instead of being daily it does not come more than two or three times a week but I hope it will come through to day and bring a letter for me but it has got so we rarely ever get them under five or six days after they are written when we first came here we would get them in three days I hope it will soon be so again or in less than three days

I have thought I would try to come home before Christmas but Col. Goode received orders a day or two after Peter got his to grant no more furloughs and since that time none but the Sick and a few Officers obtained furloughs and a seven days furlough would not be long enough for us to go and come in and stay two nights at home unless I could stay longer than that I do not expect to come. but if we find out we will stay here this winter I think some of us can get permission to come and stay more than seven days. Our company is improving a little in health I now draw provisions for fifty men it has been down in thirty but several that are here are not fit for duty we have Mumps &c &c. Robt Hodgers died last night with yellow Jaunders he is the one that lived with Pa a few years ago. Capt Meador J W Fouts James Horn all have the Mumps. Not bad. How is Billy Jeter and all others in the Neighborhood I can not write to day as there is too much passing about and too many things to draw my attention I expect it will pester you to read this but write soon and I will try and do better next time Peter sends love to you all

Yours as &c &c
James M Wright"

On December 25, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp McCulloch Highland Co Va Dec 25 1861

Much esteemed Sister I take up my pen this morning to let you know I am quite well and hope these lines may find you all well Peter is not very well having the Mumps for the past two or three days and had quite a cold before he took the mumps he has them on one side is better this morning is and has been able to go Harvy Mc is not in Camp he went to a private house with his Brother Jackson to wait on him last Saturday who was very unwell with Pneumonia is yet very low Harvy has been unwell since he went down there but is able to walk about they are about two miles from Camp Other acquaintances generally well except a few cases of mumps which we do not regard as being much any way John W Fouts had them and was sent to the Springs with others las week while we expected to go back to Staunton they were only sent because it was thought better than to let them march with the regiment but had we known we would have staid untill now they would not have been sent off. James Horn had the mumps got about well then took the Yellow Jaunders but is improving very fast. Our company is improving in health some of late we now number about fifty we have been as low as thirty two or three I hope it will continue to improve for some time yet for I had much rather have a full company than to see it so small Fannie I recon you have heard more about the fight at Alleghany than I can tell you but I must say a word or two about how it was with us on that day We were at all kinds of work that we have to do those that were out on the hill could hear the Canons all the Morning but none could tell what it meant untill a runner came in to camp in the evening saying our men were surprised by the enemy and nearly surrounded and that there was a messenger comeing with dispaches for our regiment to go to their assistance. You ought to have seen the boys cheer up as they thought they were agoing to have an engagement with the Yankees. We had never drawn any ammunition up to that time but we were soon ordered to fall in to line and march over to the Church where our ammunition was and I think we had at least a third more men out in regiment than we had had at any time for six weeks we drew our cartridges and came back to camp soon we had orders to cook three days provisions or all we had and ready to march by eleven Oclock at night as that was the time that Col Goode sent them word he could be ready to begin the march You ought then to have seen the bustle to know how it is in camp on extra occasions I can not describe it some cooking some feeding carrying and gearing their horses some greasing waggon some packing knapsacks in fact almost everything you could name was going on except Crying I did not see or hear of anyone at that by about nine oclock everything was ready. then you could see them sitting or standing about in groups and hear them wish they would come for us but when the dispach came it was to the effect that the Yankees had run off leaving us masters of the field. Fannie I am very much

obliged to you for your much esteemed present which I received on Christmas Eve I was not needing of them yet having three pair with me two of which I have had to darn but if we stay out here this winter I may need them before spring so I will try to take good care of them and not disgrace you or them. I was somewhat disappointed at not receiving a line from any of you I think if you all could know how anxious I am to hear from you all at home you would write to me every chance you have and has now been a long time since I received a letter from any one I have written several that I received no answer to I wrote to Uncle Jo P some weeks ago I have heard nothing from it since I wrote one to Brother John & Marshall the other week he responded by writing me the prettiest letter I ever read the next day after he received it. he told me something about almost everything but all cannot write such letters I intend writing to him again soon if I get the Chance I want you all to write every chance you have write every thing you can think of for we feel an interest in things there we can not write about things out here to interest you as you can us for you are unacquainted with things here you must excuse mistakes or any thing rong in my letters as I have had to write in a great hurry today is draw and distribution day with me and it generally takes all day but I could not forbear writing a few lines I have written much more than I expected too when I commence I want to write to Mary if I get the chance I was in the act of getting up to go to write to her when some of the boys came in and said Uncle and Mrs Fouts were in Camp pleas write soon and give me the news for I get none here not even a paper to read so I remain Your Affectionate Brother untill Death

To L Fannie Wright

James M Wright

P.S. go down and stay with Mary as much as you can and keep her company. she has a hard time of it it was hard enough when I was there with her it bound to be worse. now write soon and often

James M. Wright"

On February 9, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Monterey Highland Co Va
February the 9th 1862

Dear Sister I now through the mercy of God seat my self to answer your verry kind letter which came to hand in due time and found me with a very bad Cough but have receovered from it I am now in better health than I have been since I have been in the Service of my Country and hope these few lines may find you

all in the enjoyment of health and hapiness I was verry sorry to hear of Diphtheria being in the Neighborhood it being so fatal among Children hope it will disappear without damage we have a greateal of sickness here mostly Pneumonia we have lost 6 Men out of our Company and have three verry doubtful cases on hand now. Jackson Siner Thomas Franklin and John Crouch three others quite low but improveing think they will get well with no bad luck Van James Wm Moor and Tillmon Parker I reported 28 Men this morning able for duty in our Company it is improveing Van West and Wm is rite unwell have verry severe Colds hope they will soon recover. there is 7 Companys of our Regiment gone to Huntersville expect the balance of us will go in a few days hope so at least for Dr Morison says this is the Sicklyest place in Virginia and Huntersville is only a little better we have a great Deal of rain and some now and not much verry cold weather we are all in Houses and not much to do only get firewood and something to eat and nothing to cookin hardly so you may guess we are not in a conted situation it is beast to have something to engage the mind to keep it from a wondering condition and hard studdy a bout our condition (I mean the condition of the Country) we live in hopes of a change if we dy in dispair I hope to see the end of the war and enjoy freedom once more on earth if it is the will of Lord to spare mean to be returned to my little Family with whom I have lived so happy and been blessed with peace and plenty I have but little news to write and of course I cannot interest you much the Malitia left this place for home yesturday they seemed rite much rejoiced to think there time was out and seemed to hope they woud not be drafted any more but I think they are hopeing on a verry lame stick I think the whole Malitia force will be called in less than 60 days without a great change of times I see no way of escape and there is no diferance as yet between the Malitia and Volunteers in there pay or fare they all fare a like only the Volunteers has the Fighting to do I must bring my scrible to a close for I cant compose nor write my mind is to much wandering to write give my love to Ma and all the Family and all inquiring Friends tell Jack to write to me I wrote to Stephen more than a Month since and have received no answer write soon and write all the news direct to Monterey James is well and doing well so nothing more at present only remain your affectionate Brother

Peter M Wright

tell Sarah I am well and in good spirits and going to write to her to morrow if I can hope she is well and all the Children and I may see her before long"

On February 20, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Monterey Highland Co. Va. Feb 20th 1862

Very Dear Sistir I received your very kind letter on Tuesday morning last I was very glad to get it for I had not heard a word from home up to that time although I wrote home in a day or two after I got back to Camp and had also written to you some two or more weeks ago I am well at this time except a bad cold which is worsting me some hope it will soon be well and I restored to usual health hope these lines may find you all well and doing well Peter is in tolerable health at this time he has had quite a cold for sometime is better the past day or two he has had some misery in his breast and since in his neck the Dr told him he must be very careful or he would have a spell he kept tolerably close a day or two, has been attending to his duties since that time is now gone to see the Capt some 250 or 300 yards off as he speaks of leaving in the morning being quite sick and unfit for duty do not know whether he will get home or not but believe he cannot get to a worse place than we are now at. Col. E. Goode Dr. Morrison and George Slaughter left this morning. Commissary Williams left last week all of them are Sick and the Dr says it is impossible for a man to get well here at this place we are now left with but two Staff Officers at this place they are Lieut Col. Letcher and Quarter Master McClung the heath of our Company is quite bad at this time though we have but one or two bad cases at this time we have lost three men this week and some of these that are now in the Hospital are as bad as two of those were two days before they died though I hope and trust we will have no more fatal cases while we are out here in the service for we have already lost twelve since we were mustered in to service which is one out of every six that was mustered into service after taking off the two that were discharged at Staunton they have just come in and say Wm D West is taking Fever hope it is not so for I really dread to hear of one being sick

And as to mud you spoke of being there it has rained or snowed almost every day since we have been out here I do not believe we have had 36 hours fair weather at any one time since I got back to Camp nor do I believe the sun has rose and set fair the Same day except one since Ive been here I have not seen Billy or Harvy since I left home do not know whether he has got to his Company or not they are 36 miles from us it is said to be a very muddy place and those that went from here out there are very much dissatisfied there. hope it will soon fair off or freeze up think either would be more healthy than so much falling weather. What are you all driving at these times in old Bedford it has been reported here for the past week that there is a draft in Bedford is it so or lie we never know when to believe anything that we hear out here. Are you teaching School you spoke of Susan and Julia learning I am very glad to hear it hope they may continue to learn untill they become learned indeed but where is Wm is he learning any or does he not try to learn. Under the present State of the Country I cannot expect to have anything else to leave my Children but to give them an Education is one of my greatest desires for I tell you I see the need of Education

out here almost daily. for the man with an Education has advantages over others other things being equal they are better Soldiers better Officers and better everything so I wish my Children to have an equal chance with others if no better. go down and see Mary soon and often Cheer her up as much as you can for I know she is lonely. Oh that I could be there too though I like camp life very well. but living in Town and playing the Soldier I do despise but hope we will be mooved from here soon but see no prospect of such a thing write soon and give me all the news did you receive my letter I must quit to go to the Office

James M Wright"

On April 15, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Shenandoah Augusta Co. Va April 15th 1862

Beloved Mother and Sister I take up my pen to write you a few lines in answer to yours of the 3rd Inst which I found in Camp for me when I arrived last friday night it had been here some days I was indeed very glad to hear from you all and to hear you were all well and doing as well or better than could be expected under the present agitated state of the Country. This leaves me with brothers Peter well or about so. Peter is very hearty and I am getting so that I can begin to eat a little of almost anything we have to eat though not so much at a time as formerly though. I think if I continue to mend a little while longer I will be hearty as ever I have got about well of the misery that pestered me so much in my Stomach and bowels. hope it will not return again. Fannie have you received the letter I wrote to you while at Stribling Springs I wrote to you while there and also to Mary I mailed Mary on friday last. I received one from Sister Eliza at the same time I received yours They were well except colds it was written the next day after Jo. started to Lewisburg he was drafted as you have doubtless heard and sent off with the militia She seemed to be hopeful he would soon get off and come back but I fear there is no such good luck if it there as it is out here now it appears to be very hard for any to get off out here. Oh that there could have been enough of the working class left at home to have tended the best of the land if no more so that there could have been something made in the country to go upon for if there was anything in the Country there would be some chance to get it but if it is not made it can not be had. I have heard of a few getting substitutes but in every case that I have heard of it has been men who do not work themselves or but very little. I have not heard who they got but expect they hired laborers as a general thing yes I heard Hensley got Clay Richardson to take his place. there has been some right hard things said of the way he treated Peter but it is said all thing are fair in war. Oh that there could be some means devised by which we could have an honorable peace. So that Parents could return to their children Children to their parents Husbands to their wives and

beaus to their Belles before they are kept from their usual avocations long enough to bring about a famine for I think it is more to be dreaded than than the Yankees for should this be a very bad crop year I do not see how it is possible to escape a famine. I saw in a paper the other day where substituting was forbidden in Richmond Petersburg the County Henrico &c. they then confiscate the price paid and press both into service I do not know whether it will become to be a general order or not. If they are all like one that I heard of the other day writing to his brother here he told him what he paid and wound up by saying he thought he could make it by trading in a very short time if that is the design of those getting substitutes the sooner they are pressed into service the better for the Country for such are no friends to the Southern Confederacy. (Peter says $80 500 Dollars I think was the price paid) but enough Fannie I left Stribling Springs last friday morning and came to camp I found the boys generally well and very well satisfied we have our Tents pitched a little East of the Top of Shenandoah Mountain it is very steep and rough but I think quite a healthy place. Our regiment is together again. I found them fortifying and it does appear if they let us get fortified here it be next to an impossibility to bring a force against us sufficient to drive us out of our trenches. We have some five thousand Troops there and I should not be surprised if the main force stay here all summer though it is hard to tell it is said one regiment will go to Warm Spring Mountain. Would be glad if ours could be the one simply because I had rather be to ourselves and there has not been any soldiers there yet or stationed there I am much better satisfied here than at Monterey. I understand the Yankey are Stationed there at this time they say from 3 to 5 thousand strong if it proves as fatal to them as it did to us we ought not to wish them in any other place for disease will soon do for them all that we could expect to do in battle. General Johnson took some three regiments and went over there last friday to see if he could run them out but finding them stronger than he expected he did not attack them they got back Saturday night and Sunday morning We are having and have a quantity of foul weather since my last to you it snowed rained and hailed on monday Tues. and wednesday and Clowdy Thursday of last week friday fair saturday rain and has not been fair since neither does it have any appearance of fairing off. Fannie we have been moving and running about so much of late that I have but very little ofinterest to write so you must excuse this Scribling sheet and try to reprove me by writing soon and often. write any and everything you can think of for I feel an interest in almost everything there Tell me who is at home and who work in their places &c &c how is Mary and the Children getting along do they appear to lead a very lonly life or do they appear to be reconciled to their fate oh that I could be there with them and there remain in peace but I much fear that can not be for sometime to come. has Mary received the letter I sent by W. Howell Esq. hope she has for I wrote it for her to get and he promised to send it down to Uncle Wrights so she could get it soon I understand the cars have been running very irregular for some time on the Orange and Central roads some times for one cause and some times another which I expect is the cause of so many letters

miscarrying I have written to you or mary one every week but one or two since I was at home and some weeks two. is Wm Preas at home or is he gone to the Army A. P. Wright Sandy Marshall Elisha Nance where are they and S. G. Stewart is he at home has he ever got his Salt he expected to get when I was at home and his bale Cotton did he ever get it. Can you get such things plentiful or can they be had at all. Was the Constitution ratified or rejected I have never been able to hear how the vote was on it as I rarely ever see a paper out here we get no general news of the country. We can see soldiers and now and then a family mooving by to get out of the way of the Yankees is about all we can see or hear out there except what we hear from home by letters it is getting too dark to write more so I close as ever your affectionate brother till death.

James M Wright

N.B. write soon. direct your letters to Camp Shenandoah, Augusta Co. Va. Peter will write to you soon he has not had a suitable opportunity to write since the moove write soon and often as ever

J. M. Wright"

On May 4, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Valley Mills. Augusta Co. Va May 4th 186_

Beloved Sister A few lines to you this evening to let you know I received your very kind and welcome letter of the 24th In due time. It was indeed a very welcome messenger for it brought news that I had not heard it found me and Peter both in tolerable health Peter is as hearty as I ever saw him. I have not been as hearty for some two or three months as formerly but I think if I could get over my cold and sore mouth I would be as well as ever We have a sore mouth out here which appears to be contagious and in some cases is quite bad for they often get so sore in one day that we can hardly move our Victuals when we get them in our mouths to chew them or even bear to suck the plegm off our tongues when it Settles there I have had it about a week is something better the past day or two hope you are all quite well and doing well. The health of Our Company is better than it has been for months as it is so with those present we have som sixteen or seventeen that have not been with us since we went to Crabbottom. The last I saw them they were at Stribling Springs there were but 3 or 4 that were much sick and they were all mending but one but some how they have managed to be sent off to other Hospitals and have not yet returned I know not where they are. we have not had to send off but one since we came to this place or but one that was taken sick here. Yet we nearly all expected to be sick after we got here for we had a very wet and muddy time of it coming from Shenandoah to this

place and we were out in the rain from Saturday morning till Sunday night without feed or shelter having burned the most of our Tents on the mountain for want of transportation for them. We were ordered to burn everything we c[ould] not carry but our company did not burn much except 5 or [6] Tents so we have had to make out with three Tents. May the 18th. After a long delay I again take up my pen to finish my disconnected letter to you when I commenced writing I expected to have mailed it the next day but instead of writing I was sent out on a Scouting party of some 250 we went a bout eight miles and that brought us near enough to the Enemy to hear their drums very plainly we could also hear their wagons and Artillery when they crossed a bridge that was near by. the next day we went back to Camp about 12 or 1 oclock we found everything packed up and laid out ready for something we could not tell what but soon we saw our Reg coming they told us they had received orders to pack up everything and to cook two days ration and put in their haversacks and put their blankets and provisions for three days in the wagons and leave that their Knapsacks &c should be taken care of. We then had to a bout face and go back to the very place we had left that morning got there a bout night sta__ till two in the morning when we were started to try and cut off the retreat of the Enemy we march untill a little after 9 in the morning over and through the roughest mountains that ever I had to travel over and a good portion of the way we did not have even so much as a hog path to travel but we had a good guide or never would have found the way as we left the road about d__ We came near the road a bout a half hour before the time set by Old Johnson for the attack. While we were in waiting for the time to arrive Col. Board sent Capt Walker with fifty men over near the road at a birdge when they got in sight they saw the Enemy coming in full tilt up the road their pickets had discovered our Army coming and were getting a way with all possible seed. but they did not all get away for Walker ordered his men to fire upon them. they killed and wounded some I do not know exactly how many between six and twenty though I have heard it put as high as forty we saw five horse that were killed at the time and two that could not get away we took two prisoners some blankets Tents and other military stores. After awhile we took up our line of march again in pusuit of the enemy. They drew up in line of battle on the side of the mountain in a very strong position and commenced throwing ball and shell at us some two or three miles off but we did not go close to them but turned and came back to Shenandoah and staid all night. I suppose very well satisfied with our days work. the next morning we started out pretty soon to see if we could see or hear anything of the Yankees. we soon learned they were at McDowel so we went on some four miles and then waited till near four oclock before we went over in to the field where the battle took place they occupied a very strong position we could not get our Artillery on the field at all so we fought them with muskets from four till half after eight while they had Canons, rifles and muskets but we drove them from the field and had it been day we would capture Our regiment was in the engagement from the beginning to the end of the fight and suffered more than any other regiment but one that was the 12th Georgia we lost

eleven killed and I think about 40 wounded and one prisoner what our whole lo[ss] was I can not tell. Old Col. Scott says the 58th done he[r] duty on the field he is Col. of the 44 regiment but he call us his brave and gallant 58th he is the oldest Col. in the Brigade which gives him command of the Brig__ I can tell you but very little about the fight all though I was in it from beginning to end but it was something new and you can get a better Idea of it from the prints than I can give suffice it to say the Yankees fought well and bravely and alas shot fast and close. I understand old Gen. Johnson says it was the hardest fight he everer saw for the length of time engaged. I do not suppose we had more than 2500 or 3000 men engaged as that was as many as could get on the field at a time. What the loss of the Yankees was I do not know some say they went on the field with 9000 men and left with 7000 while others say they only had 8000 and left with 7000 They left McDowell during the night we pursued them untill Monday driving them some forty miles on Tuesday Morning we turned about and I think our next operations will be in the Valley of Va. as we have left the Staunton road and are some six miles northeast of Stribling Springs we are resting today. we have been near two weeks. we got our knapsacks last night I should not be surprised if we go on to Harrisonburg tomorrow or we may stay here for a month it is getting so we do not know where we are going even when we start. you must write soon and often I have written this in a wagon and it is so badly done that I do not expect you can read it but I am so nervous I can not help it Peter and I both have colds and coughs but hope we will soon be well of them again I had almost forgotten to thank you all for presents. They were gladly received by me. write soon direct to Staunton or any where to 58th reg Va Vol and it will be sent on so I remain as ever &c &c

James M. Wright"

On August 5, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp near Orange Court House
Orange Co. Va. August the 5th 1862

Beloved Sister Mother and friends

I take up my pen this morning to write you a few lines by which you will learn I am quite well and hope these lines may find you all quite well and doing well I have but very little news to write to interest you although I have not written to you for some time the reason for which is first I was very unwell and had to march very hard and constantly for a good while and when we did chance to get a days rest I was too feeble and too much worn out to write and when I got too Ill to march longer I was sent off to Brown's Gap as a kind of Picket Guard they kept us there four weeks and while there we had no mail facilities except as we would

chance to see some one going out to Meecham's Depot about fourteen miles off. My health improved very much while out there and has continued to improve ever since. we have not done much marching since I rejoined the regiment yet we moove Camp every few days and when ever we moove we generally have a hard march. we have our flying Cavalry from Monterey with us again and all they are fit for is to run in to camp and tell lies such as to say to say the Enemy is coming when there is no Enemy nigh they brought in a report last Saturday that the yankees cavalry were at Orange Court House so we shouldered our muskets and put out to meet them it was some three or four oclock and many of the boys had not eat any dinner but we marched some 12 miles on quick time to find out there was but a squad of Cavalry came over there and fired on them and then ran off we then turned off and marched some two or three miles and went into camp where we remain they rousted(?) as yesterday morning a while before day and had us to cook a days ration and be ready to start at any time we did not start till nearly night we then went about a half mile lay there some hour or two then came to camp Cooked another days ration and put it in our haversacks so as to be ready to start at a moments warning but we have not yet been called out nor do I believe we will unless those cavalry get scared at their shadow and run up here again. We are now some three or four miles from Orange C.H. and about 8 miles Northeast of Gordons Mill How long we will remain here none of us can tell but it does appear that there are too many of us now under old Jackson to stay here long unless he thinks there will be something for us to do here. They sent up several thousand troops from Richmond to Gordonsville last week which gives Jackson quite an Army the number I do not know but it must be some 40,000 or fifty thousand

The General health of the Army is improving very fast since they left Richmond I think we had the worst looking set of men when they got back from Richmond I ever saw they were poor dirty broke down and many of them ill which gave them a very bad appearance the report is now in Camp that the Yankees are coming I can not believe it Yet it may be true we never know untill we go and see. There has been a goodeal of dissatisfaction in our Army since the 16th of last month on account of the Conscript Law. The new Conscripts all thought they would be discharged on the 16" but there as been none discharged except such as had served 15 months previous to that time. They say now when we serve out our twelve months and then stay 90 days they will let us off but they have not decided when our time commenced whether it counts from the Organization from the date of Commissions from the time we get pay or from the time we were mustered into service. So it is generally thought they intend holding of us with out having give us any chance in the former Elections. It has been said the Nonconscripts were an unorganised body and as such they will receive no pay from the 16 of May how it will be I can not tell. They have paid our regiment up to the first of May. but I believe all parties are becoming dissatisfied with the war or the say it is conducted or something of the kind at least there appears to be

general dissatisfaction or discontent among the Soldiers. There is another thing that is causing some hard feeling which is sending off the Sick. They send no one to the Hospital unless he has the fever it matters not how sick a man is now with any disease except Fever the Order is keep him in Camp and here they have to stay but I expect if they go to moove the Order will be changed but there a great many now at home from wounded and others have got there but how I can not tell it may be that is the cause of it but enough of that.

Fannie how are you all getting along since about the first of May and have not had a letter from you since about that time write to me soon and give me all the news you can think of for I get but very little I see but very few papers or anything of the kind to get the general news. What has become of the militia a bout there There is but very few of them here they have got away from here but where they are gone is what we can not tell they say those over thirty five were discharged. It is also said here they have to go out under Floyd whether that is so or not I can not tell They are constantly sending off after those that have left here. There has been a good many desertions of late from the Army There was about 20 left our regiment one day some time last week I think there has been about 40 in all Maj. Kasey and General Early both made us little speeches the next day after so many left They have sent for those that left and say they intend to have them and punish them to the full extent of the Law. if so it will be pretty rough on them I want to come home very much but I do not feel willing to run off yet and take chances I prefer to wait and see how others come out I still live in hopes that I will get off some time before a great while though I must acknowledge I see no prospect of getting a way till winter. Go down and see Mary as often as you can. tell her I think the Examiner one of the best papers she can get if she wants to take a paper forgot to say anything about it when I wrote to her but I will write to her again in a few days but I want her to take the paper she likes best be it wich it may as I want her to be pleased if Peter has not left yet tell him he can do a very good business by bring a box or two of Tobacco with him as it is very much in demand at from 50 cts to 1.00 per plug and very scarce at that I would like for him to bring me a few plugs if he can if no more I believe I could sell six or eight boxes a day if I had it here but anything will sell here and at a high price at that. I must quit for the present write soon and often and give me all the news you can think of give my love to enquiring friends &c &c

James M. Wright"

On December 29, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Near Guinea Station Caroline Co. Va.
December the 29th 1862

Dearly beloved Mother and Sister I take my pen in hand to day to address you again by letter I am quite well as to health and hope these lines may find you all well and doing well. I received your letter sent to me some time since. I was truly glad to hear from you and hear you were well. as it has come to be very seldom indeed that I hear from any of you as I have not received a letter by Mail from any one since last July while at Gordons Ville I know not why it is. I think sometimes you and Mary Surely write sometimes to me if no one else does. but you may think too expensive to write these hard times as I have quit paying Postage since I have found there are so many of our letters that never come to hand. I think I am entirely safe in saying there is not more than one third the letters written by our regiment ever reach the ones they are directed too. (There is a fault but where) The cause I can not tell I sometimes think they never get to the Office to be mailed. I have concluded to write and send to the Office by any one I can, instead of handing them to the Quarter Master to be sent to the Office. We are now in level sandy Country some eight miles from the Depot at Guinea Station, and I know not how far to a mountain as I have not seen one for some weeks. I begin to want to see one very much as it is hard to keep from getting turned round so we can not tell where to look for day to make its appearance We have put up huts or shanties during the past week and covered them with leaves and dirt I do not think they will turn off much of the water if it sets in wet as there is to much sand in this section to turn water. but they are much better than being out of doors as they are quite warm and comfortable this dry weather I know not how long to think we will stay here some think we will spend the winter here but I think it depends on where the Yanks make there appearance about our staying. We are now fortifying near Port Royal it is some seven or eight Miles down there our regiment goes down there on Picket it is on Picket today Peter is gone with them. Capt McClary has come back and resumed the duties of his Office. So Peter returns to his Company as Lieutenant he is quite well and hearty. I have not seen Joel since we left Fredericksburg he was quite well then he was over to see us the day before we left but the Yankees mooved down to port royal on one side the river and we came down on the other we do not intend for them to cross to this side Some of our Pickets met theirs on Saturday and traded Tobacco for Coffee and swaped newspapers with them they say if we do any more fighting this winter we have got it to do amongst ourselves for they do not intend to fight any more this winter but they are near enough to Port Royal to have their Pickets there and we will hardly go off and leave them while there is nothing but the river between them. but enough. I am still wagoner I have been driving since the 14th of last month. I like it much better than being in ranks so far and unless I get off to come home I think I will try and hold on to a teem for I can not stand those long and tiresome marches I have broken myself down at it and since that I can not get a long as before Mother how are you getting a long

with your plantation affairs. have you any one to assist you or do you have everything to attend to yourself. have you any hands hired for another Year if so what do you pay. Fannie what are you driving at these times have you got in the notion of teaching school yet hope you have or have you something else on hand that you think more profitable. When were you and Mother down to see my beloved wife and little ones do you go to see them often how are they getting along Oh that I could be there to see. is Joshua still there Mary wrote to me he spoke of leaving. I hope if he has, she has some good hand to stay with her as I know she can not make out without some one to attend to the stock &c. but I wrote to her last week. write soon and often give me all the news. as ever your affectionate & obedient but unfortunate

Jas M Wright

direct to Guinea station Caroline Co. Va. care of __ meador Capt Co. B 58th rg. Vol."

On April 4, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Near Frederickesburg
Spotsylvania Co. Va
April 4th 1863

Much Esteemed Sister

I take my pen in hand this evening to write you a few lines by which you will learn I am quite well and hope these lines may find you all well I have us good news to write after neglecting to write so long I have been quite busy the most of my time since I wrote to you during the Winter I had a teem to attend to and I was out after forage &c a good portion of my time and had but very little chance to write so I got Peter to answer the last letter I received from you I have been thinking for sometime I would get another but have not had one for some months hope I will soon hear from you all again. I gave up my teem on the 24th last month and took my place in ranks since which time I have had to drill two or three times a day. it is not so hard as tending to a teem through the winter nor does it pay so well but then a Soldiers wages is nothing comparatively speaking. these times a months Wages not being sufficient to pay for more than two nights lodging at a hotel or buy nick nacks enough to eat at a couple of meals as it takes two Dollars to buy a pound of Bacon. a lb of cheese 4 dollars Eggs 2.50 per doz. peas and beans one Dol. per Set. I risk potatoes 3 Dol. per Gal and other things in the same proportion. Envelopes are selling at 2.50 to 5.00 per package of 25 paper from 3.00 to 5.00 Dollars per quire &c &c so you can see from the foregoing prices it is next to impossible for a private in the army to save anything to help

support a family at home but I see and hear of their taking the matter in their own hands in some places and I expect their exam will be followed at other places by thousand of persons before it is done with unless they can manage to get the speculators into service if that could be done I think it would tend to bring down prices to some extent and could be much better for the Country but I do not see how that can be done for all laws have to be general in effect. but if we can have a few more ladies mobs and they continue to take from the Speculator alone I believe it will be conducive of good for I verily believe the Speculators are doing more to ruin our once happy Country than the Yankees are and are more dreaded by our Soldiers but enough Fannie where and how is Joel. he talked like he would come out to see us soon if he could make arrangements to suit or is he there attending to mother's business as he was before he left home hope he is or will for then it would be much easier on Mother and perhapse better for all. has Billy Bassham gone to his Company or is he there for you all to - upon It is not forgotten how easy he wanted us to make it on Mother and he has proven it with a vengence (but enough perhapse too much) We are still here in Camp not knowing how soon we may be called out to meet the enemy upon the field of battle for we are not more than five or six miles apart and we have been hearing cannon for the last two days and report says old Stuart has gone round behind thim and is fighting down in aquia Creek I know not whither it be true or not. How are things going in the neighborhood genrally. anything is news to me it is near fifteen months since I saw tender and most dearly beloved ones at home and the appearance now is that it may be along time yet before I get there again. Although I believe we are approaching a Crisis and it may be we will get home during the present year but I do not expect it. wish I could think we would have peace this Year. 5th Cold and snowy this morning Peter and I are quite well this morning. my sheet got too wet last night for me to write on this morning. You must write as soon as you get this give me all the news. tell me how Mary and the Children are. I have been writing to them every week for some time but hear from them very seldom. as ever your obedient and affictionate but much injured

James M. Wright"

On May 23, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Hamiltons Crossing. Spotsylvania Co. Va. May the 23rd 1863

Much esteemed Sister

I take up my pen this very warm evening to write you a few lines in answer to yours of the 13th which was gladly received and read with interest by me yesterday it had been at the regt for some days but I had not been up there for several days I am about two miles from the regt. do not go up there very often

as I do not know at what moment I may be called upon to do something I do not like to be out of place when wanted for I have a much easier post than marching and Carrying gun knapsack blanket &c to say nothing of the exposure &c &c. I am kept in the yard as an extra hand I have no team to attend too except some of the drivers are sick or are out of place when wanted I have to help do anything that is to do in the yard such as load and unload anything that is brought into or taken out of the yard that is not much. I was very glad indeed to hear from you and home and to hear you were well was glad to hear Mother was getting along as well with her work. I am quite well except a dull head ache which I have nearly two weeks think it is caused by eating too much but my appetite is so craven it appears I can not do with less. My health has been better for the past two months than it has since I have been in service I weigh the same as when I left home (169 lbs). Am not so stout nor ever expect to be any more as I have not the wind or strength I once had. I was up to see the boys yesterday found them generally well and hearty they seam to have recovered from the fatigues of the late fights but are the worst sunburnt set you ever saw Lt. Col. Kasey is not a prisoner nor has been there were about 70 taken out of the regt among them our flag bearer and flag there were but four taken out of our company they were James Horn Jas. C. Waldron Bev Corley and James G Hardbarger the wounded were Joseph N. Preas Burkett Dooley and James W. Scott. more of them thought to be dangerously Peter is quite well and peart he has been promoted to Captain since the discharge of Capt. Meador Can not tell how he will get along in the management of a company it is a very difficult post to fill so as to give satisfaction for there are fault finders here as well as elsewhere and after a thing takes place it is very easy to look back and see deficiencies that were not so easily discovered beforehand. the Company appeared to be very well satisfied with the change so far as I could learn. hope he may continue to give general satisfaction for if he can keep the good will of his men it will be much easier for him to get along with them and it is hard enough at best. Oh that we could have peace that we all could return to our families ever more there to remain in peace and study husbandry instead of war that we could get up of sundays and fix off to preaching instead of getting up and rubing up old guns to be ready for inspection I do not think I have heard a sermon preached for six months where I was with the company I generally had to cook so if there was preaching in the regt I scarcely ever got to go and in the Train we have no preaching nor but little chance to go out anywhere to hear preaching. but there are very few who appear to take any interest in religion. they use cards in place of the Testament. there is more swearing going on than I ever knew it is now hard to find a moral man much less a religious one here. I hope all things will work together for good and we may live to see a better day. I can tell you but very little about the late battles at and near Fredericksburg more than you can get from the papers, but from what I can learn we gained a very decisive victory (over their fighting Joe) I am inclined to believe we will have another battle somewhere near here on the river it may be here at Fredericksburg or it may be either above or below in the

late engagement the line of battle was from 15 to 20 miles long but the principal engagements were at three points perhaps not more than five or six mile altogether though several miles apart It is thought by our boys the Yanks fought harder and were harder to whip than on any former occasion but our men were determined not to be whiped. so after continued engagements numbers gave way before valor and they were driven back at every point to the river and finally across the river I have heard several of our men say had they been in such a place and had such fortifications as the Yankees had in the Wilderness near Chancellorsville they would have had to kill almost every man before they would have left them but the Yanks can not stand a charge. to stand and shoot they will stand and have the last shoot in spite of us. but give a yell and start at a double quick loading & shooting as we go appears to unman them and they can not stand they will break and run any way to get out of it then some of the prisoners have wanted to know what made us yell so upon a charge it is done to scare them and it has its effect for they dread it more than they do our bullets (enough) Tell Joel I do not care to turn my reaper into money as I had rather have good property than money but bethink it is a time that all machinery ought to be used that will save labor he can have it for two hundred dollars if I could be at home I would not take less than three hundred. I had rather have the interest on the money than to have the money at present unless I would get home then I would like to have it or I might want it. Capt Meador has been discharged on account of his health he can not stand service in infantry he left for home on the 15th I expect you have seen or heard from him before this time. We are getting very anxious to hear something definite from Vicksburg yet we dread the result I much fear our Army will be whiped out there. from what I can learn it is a very important post & I should be sorry to hear of the Yanks getting possession of it but I believe they will get it but hope for the better. almost everything in the yard has been buying papers daily so great the interest in regard to the fate of Vicksburg. we pay 20 or 25 cents per paper sometimes it is one price then the other. I have already written more than I intended and much more than will interest you or compensate you for a perusal as it is so disconnected badly written

Tell Joel I would like to receive a long letter from him I think he promised to write to us when he left here. expect he has been very busy since he got home as I have heard he had to stay from home a good portion of his time since he got home hope he will soon have the chance to redeem his promise and he will give us all the news as he was from home long enough to know how anxious we all are to hear and know how things are going at and around home and it is only by writing that we know anything about home. Fannie are you agoing to teach School this Summer hope you will as I am very anxious for my Children to be going & I am not able or willing to board them from home to go to School I think they would like to go to you and then I know your qualifications are such as to enable you to be a good teacher and I do not want them to go to a sorry one if I

can help it. they are gitting old enough to be spelling and reading anything that comes to hand I much fear they can not read at all or very little if any. Write as soon as convenient give me all the news you can think of. tell Mother I would be pleased to get a letter from her occasionally if it is convenient for her too write or have them written. go down and see Mary and children as often as convenient let them see or hear from this as soon as you can. I have written 3 or 4 since the fight have received no response hope to hear from them soon. Tell Mary will write to her towards the last of the week that she may get it by Tuesdays mail I must quit for fear I worry your patience so you'll write to me no more. as ever. your affectionate brother untill death

James M Wright

N.B. write soon and often direct to Hamiltons crossing Spotsylvania Co. Va. care of P. M. Wright Capt of Co B 58th Va Rigt

____ Morning 24th am quite well this morning ____ ____ best of ____"

On June 25, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"In Camp Franklin Co. Pa.
June the 25th 1863

Beloved Sister

I take my pen in hand this evening to write you a few lines to let you know I am still in the land of the living and am quite well and hearty hoping these lines may find you all well and doing well. I received your very interesting letter several days past. would have written to you much sooner but have not had the chance as we have been marching and hauling for some time. We left Hamilton crossing and made for Winchester arriving there we captured a quantity of stores we then had them to haul in and divide out which gave the teamsters a good deal to do we then started I know not when but have past through Shepherdtown Boonsborough and a good many other small towns this is the fourth day since we left Virginia. We first came into Md. but we did not travel very far before we took a Westerly Course and Came into Pennsylvania. The most of our trip has been through a very fertile and beautiful Country and the people they appear to be perfectly surprised at our coming here and some of them are scared nearly to death. They appear to think we will take everything we may want and destroy the remainder they may have but I have heqard of nothing being taken or destroyed yet and I hope there will be no necessity for either We must have bread and meat but our Government is willing to pay for it if they will sell to us. They have done so thus far hope they will Continue so to do. We met

with a good many who are rebels (or professedly so) but are afraid to show their hands. As a general thing we are treated kind enough by the Citizens though we occasionally meet a long tongue Woman that __ds and frets at us but I have learned to laugh at them instead of fretting. As we came on the other day we halted in a little Vilage I sat down on the side walk with others. A woman came to the door and began to scold us for being rebels. She said a good many things that we know to be untrue we said very little to her untill she said she thought we had no Wagons. When I said Oh but you know you have been furnishing us for the last two years and we have nearly all the wagons and we have them plenty with us and __ which they can in at a grand(?) everything looks very different here to what we have been accustomed to seeing for the last 2 years were a man brought in here without knowing anything about it he would have no thought of being in a country at war there has not been anything destroyed here. While everything thing has been destroyed where the Yankees have been in Virginia. Where we are going or how long we will stay here I do not pretend to guess Our direction thus far is Harrisonburg or nearly so. We may come back to Va in a very few days or we may stay over here some time. I think if we stay here long there will be some fighting to do though I hear of no force nearer than Harrisonburg it is reported in Camp that McClellan is there with a few militia. We captured the whole of Milroys stores and nearly his whole force at Winchester Martinsburg &c &c. Our regiment and the 54th N.C. regt were sent to Staunton with the prisoners I know not where they are now they may come on to us or they may be kept as a Guard at some points I have not seen Peter or any of the Company for some time would to have the old 58th with us but if they can see any better times by being off I am perfectly willing to it for it has had a hard time of it since it has been in the service as it has been in nearly all the battles that have been fought in Northern V.A. since it has ____ We are fareing very well as to eatables now and have been for some time we get plenty and that that is very good. The Yanks appear to have almost everything and we are now and have been living off of them ever since we came to Winchester. It was more like some great feast to us than a military camp but enough. I was quite sorry to hear your health had been so bad. hope you may soon regain your accustomed health and strength and not be pestered again with disease either of body or mind for I think I know how bad both are especially the latter. let me hear from you as often as convenient go down and see Mary and the Children as often as you can Cheer her her up. Oh that I could be at home once more there to remain with a loving and beloved family. I have written more than I expected when I commenced excuse mistakes and bad writing as I have a very bad chance to write. I wrote to Mary while at Winchester to use my name if necessary in regard to the sale of old Uncle Jim. have not seen Peter or Harvy since the receipt of yours. Nothing more but remain as ever your affection brother &c &c

James M. Wright"

On August 16, 1863, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp near Orange C.H. Va.
August the 16th 1863

Beloved Sister

I take my pen in hand this very warm day to write you few lines in answer yours of the 28th which was gladly received after some little delay at the regt I was very glad to hear you were all well. I am quite well as to health hope these lines may find you all well and hearty. I have enjoyed very good health all this Summer thus far and hope it may continue to be good while I may have to stay in the service in defense of our once free and happy country but now I sometimes fear almost a military government yet I believe we will come out conquerers in the end and again be a free an independent nation again. Oh that the day may speedily come when it may be so Fannie I sometimes get to thinking over the reverses we have met with the West and of the South and how they are closing in on us from almost every nook and corner and it appears there is no chance but for us to be crushed out of existence yet I cannot believe it will be so. We are told the darkest time of night is just before day. Oh that it may be so in this case for it certainly looks more gloomy than at any time heretofore. Our troops are many of them becoming tired of the War and want to go home and a good many from some of the States are deserting. Many with the intention of coming back but some I believe never intend to come back if they can help it. The fall of Vicksburg seems to have spread a damper over all North Carolina troops and they are now very anxious to get out on almost any terms. We are all tired of War I have no doubt but many of us had rather remain in war than have a dishonorable peace At other times I look forward and try to see what is to be done and have come to the belief that our hardest time is or about over I think we will have one hard fight perhaps the hardest of the war and we may have to fight many but I think one will pretty much decide our fate and I sometimes think that war is almost Over with us Oh that it may be so. it is impossible for any of us to like and there are but few that think as I do about its coming to a close.

You asked in your last if I fared as as well as at Winchester No. I had the tables turned on me and I had to do the runing. I fared very well as to eating but I had a hard time of it while M D and Pennsylvania they gave me a first rate team and then they kept me all the time hauling with it. I had three races from the Yanks on my way out of Md. but came out safe in all but the last in which I had one horse shot in the foot and lost all my clothing and blankets rations &c &c but I came out with my team and thought myself lucky to do that much for the Government I did not get to rest in camp from the time we left Williamsport till we got this side the rapidan River by that time my team was broken down and they

put us to treading hay for the yard and I did not have to go so constantly as while I was hauling commissaries and my team is mending up very fast hope they will get in very good order before we have to leave here as I hate to drive a poor team for the past 8 or 10 days I have hauled but 3 or 4 loads and they about 10 miles

how are you all getting along since the draft has it taken off many or has it not been put into effect yet. Oh that I could get home once more if it was only for a few days it will now soon be two years since I had the pleasure of seeing a beloved and loving wife and family. I see no chance for me to get home before winter if then. I was down to see the Company yesterday I found Peter had got off home once more I did not learn how long he was to stay wish I could have seen him before he was off but I was out after hay when he past we are getting hay in the neighborhood here but I do not think it will last much longer I know not what we will do. We are stationed about five miles N East of Orange Court House we have very good water here haul our Commissaries from the C. House. We have had some of the hotest weather I ever felt since we have been here I wrote to Mary some days since hope she has received it ___ this and will write so can hear from home as it is very seldom we hear from home when we get upon the march We had a man and mule killed by lightning the same evening I wrote to her I had been done writing but a very few minutes when it happened.

Write soon and direct to Orange Court House. Care of Maj. Snodgrass Chief Q.M. of Earlys Division. give me all the news you can think of I must close for want of room go and see Mary as often as convenient My love to Mother and enquiring friends Write soon as ever yours.

James M Wright"

In the fall of 1863 in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Fannie what are you doeing at these times are you teaching or going to teach School this Fall hope you are as I want My Children to be going very much fear they will have to grow up in ignorance unless you do teach School for it appears no one else is going to teach close enough for them to go. Oh! that they could all be come learned while they are young but I fear they will not be at all. We have had some very hot dry weather since my last to you though it has not been a dry fall by any means we had fine rains the first of this week it was quite cold for the season three or four days and quite frost one morning this week. this morning it was quite warm and had the appearance of being pretty and warm but it has since changed and is now quite and windy and if fairs off and this wind quits blowing I think there will be a killing frost [tell me what?] hapning there for I

am acquainted with almost every object around there or have been I cannot say I am now for it will soon be two years since I saw my native County

Direct your letters to Orange Court House Care of Maj. Snodgrass Chief Q. M. of Early's Division (Ewell Corps)

N.B. Give my love to Ma tell her I am very much obliged to her for the Cheese she sent me it was very good. such things are scarce here and it is seldom we get anything of the kind as ever your affectionate and obedient Brother till death.

James M. Wright"

On January 5, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/411 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright sold a tract of land to Stephen W. Wright:

"This Deed made the fifth day of January Eighteen hundred and Sixty four between James M Wright and Mary T. his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Stephen W Wright of the County of Roanoke and State aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to him in hand paid the said James M Wright and Mary T. his wife doth grant with special warranty unto the said Stephen W Wright all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and adjoining the lands of Stephen W Wright Jesse Howel and others, it being one of the tracts of land that was allotted to the said J M Wright in the division of P M Wrights Estate. Witness the following signatures and seals

James M Wright
Mary T Wright

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I S G Stewart a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright & Mary T Wright his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5th day of December 1864 personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same. And that Mary T Wright was examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Dec 5th 1864

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office January 20th 1864

This deed from James M Wright and Mary T his wife to Stephen W Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said office and together with certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 Decr. 31st 50¢ United States Internal Revenue Stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed and cancelled according to law.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

On May 19, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Earlys Division
Train Near Spottsylvania
Court House Va.
May the 19th 1864

Dear Mother and Sister

After long delay I take up my pen to comply with your request I would have written sooner but I have had almost no chance to write since I saw you when I am not going with a team hauling I have to be out grazing the mules and there being few fenses we have to form a Circle and keep our stock togather in that way, and it generally keeps all hands quite busy to keep them from getting off I am now out minding stock and writing as I get the chance. I am quite well and have been since I left hoping these lines may find you all well and hearty. We had quite a muddy time getting back to Camp after we left your house but we got along very well after the first day and even that day better than I expected we had no bad luck on our way found things in Camp much as we left them but it was not long before they began to change about and see us now you would hardly think we were ever a still quiet people. but there are frequently great changes made here between the setting and rising of the Sun. This is the fifteenth day our men have been drawn up in battle array ready at any moment to begin the deadly strife anew and the sixteenth day of the fight the Cavalry fought the day before our men got up. They do not fight every day or all the time but there is hardly a day passes but we can hear more or less Artillery. I have not heard but two today and it is 3 or 4 oclock P.M. They had quite a deed esterday with Artillery for 5 or 6 hours but the Yankees did not come close

enough to do much with muskets they came out in battle line as though they would storm our works Our gunners threw grape and canister at them which mad them beat a hasty retreat We had very few men injured there was one man killed in the 58th Va Regt. Wm Gray. I expect he is the recruit that joined our co. last winter as they thought he belonged to Co. B. I have not seen any of the boys for several days, as they are all the time in the breast works and we know not at what moment we may be wanted here so I can not go to see them. Creed Hubbard was killed the first day of the fight Lawson Grayham on the second or first of infantry fighting. I think there has been six wounded in brothers company including himself which I hope is very slight it is a flesh wound in the right arm or shoulder I did not get to see him as I had to go off after Commissaries soon after I heard it but I hope he is at home long before this time doing well. I hardly know how to write to interest you to describe the fighting as it has taken place at different points and intervals I am not capable so suffice it to say that our Army has for the first time since the War commenced fought behind Earth works and such fighting perhaps has never been recorded much less described it is thought our men kill at least ten to one and even the Yankees fought with a courage that would do credit to a better people and cause they would make charge after charge and come on in some cases till our men piled them thick enough for breast works so I have been told. I do not think the firing from artillery was as heavy as at Gettysburg but I never have heard so much musketry and Artillery comprised(?) as was at Spottsylvania C. H. and hope can I keep my hearing never to hear again. It was reported at the yard this morning before we come out to pasture there were no Yankees in front of Rodes and Earlys Division It was thought they had moved down to the Right. Oh that they may be withdrawing from our soil with a solemn determination never to invade a once peaceful and contented people. Is it not written some where? I and their smile shall rise up against them &c &c Truly it appears to me this is the time for they say if you cross and get a short distance from our breat works the ground appears to be a live with maggotts not withstanding all that it is said Grant Called for Volunteers night before last to storm our works yesterr morning he could get but 6000 and when they got a sight of them it was too hot they could not stand it Enough as I have writtin more than I intended and much more than will interest you

how are you all getting along these times are the boys all at home yet living in luxury and ease or have some of them given up the pleasure of the fireside for the Tented field no not Tented battle field. We have had no news or maill but once or twice for about two weeks but General Lee gave us a little good news the other day that was our Armies are or generally Victorious so far this spring but you will see it in the papers before you get this. Enough write soon and give me all the news you can think of me thinks were I at home where I could sit on a chair and write I could write a little better and would not mind begining as I do here being but a poor pensman at best it is hard for me too write an eligible letter

here but you must excus bad writing and mistakes for it is hard to write when the din of war is ringing(?) in your head and that is the case now. I wrote to Mary two or three days since but let her see this please. I have not heard from home or any of you for three or four weeks. If Peter is at home give him my respects tell him to write to me if he can write. hope he will soon be well. I do not know where we will git our mail but expect at Millford Station you had bettern direct to Richmond as it will be sent from there to the point most convenient. Care Maj Snodgrass &c. I have no stamps. I think they are fighting down in towards Fredericksburg from the sound of Artillery for the last 1/2 hour or more write soon and often no more at present as ever yours

to Mrs Susan & L F Wright James M Wright"

On September 12, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Ramseurs Division Train
Near Winchester Va
September the 12th 1864

Dear Sister

I take up my pen this evening to answer your verry kind and welcome letter of the 31st last which come to hand last friday and found me quite well Peter had been up to see me that day he is well and getting along much as usual he has had some very sore boils of late but one on his face at that time I would have written sooner but we have been moving about so I have not had the chance You can not imagine how glad I was to get ____ your and hear you were all well at Mothers as well as at home I received a letter from Mary about two weeks ago which is all the letter I have had from you or her since I left Richmond ____ I heard a few days back the Post Master General and the Contral Rail Road Co. had settled their difficulty and they are carrying the mail on that Road again so I hope we will get the letters more regular than we have done since we have been north of Winchester We have done a great deal of hard marching since my last to you but not much fighting yet there is almost constant skirmishing going on or nearly every day but Mr Early is managing to keep the Yanks low down in the Valley without risking a general engagement we have not been as far South as Winchester for some time our present camp five miles off is our stopping place and then to Bunker hill Smithfield Bruce(?) Town and Berry(?) Ville and back home it is now so when we start out you hear the boys saying go to your old camp at Bunker hill or as the case may be We have had some men killed but not many The Yanks carried all the wheat and and hay on their last retreat from Strasburg to Winchester and report says they had orders to burn Winchester but the rebels was as close to them they did not have time to execute it I understand

they say they will burn it if ever they get there again hope they may never get there if that is their intention but I do not see how we can stay down here a great while we are living wholy off of the country around south of us but after we consume the surplus near by I think we will have to fall back as we have not got transportation sufficient to haul so much provisions a great distance they may give us more teams and let us stay here all the fall perhaps Winter. I have been seeing a good many persons from about Manassas. Alexandria(?) peace and other places down East they say all the talk is peace peace ____ there but I sometimes fear that joyful day is some distance off yet though I hope for the better I ____ some days ago that Mr Abraham wanted 500,000 more men to crush this little rebellion and Mr Grant wanted 100,000 of them but Mr Abe cant get them without opposition so it seems he is about to do without them Now if __ needs 100,000 to insure success at PetersBurg I think (as I have done all the time) it sure defeat in the end to continue there but enough I know you are tired of such things Write soon and give me all the news you can think of any thing and evry thing that takes place there is news to me remember I have not been there since cold cold weather and it is getting quite cool again I have had my coat on all day and none too warm. We had verry dry summer here in the Valley Corn was very much injured thereby We are having a great deal of rain for some time past there are more apples than I ever saw I think to the trees I have not had any cider(?) yet it is selling at one Doller per Qrt in the Country Tobacco five Dollars per plug and other things in proportion let Mary see this give my love to mother write soon I must close as I want to write to Mary this evening as soon as I can catch up and water my mules I am out of envelopes ink and postage stamps as can not get stamps here ____ I shall borrow envelopes excuse bad writing and mistakes

James M Wright"

On November 27, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, James M. Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Earlys Division Train
_____ Nov 27th/64

Beloved Sister

I take my pen in hand to answer yours which I found in camp on my arrival the 18th or 19th I had been out in the Country about three weeks. It found me well and hearty was very glad to hear from you and hear were all well hope these lines may find you all well and doing well I have little or no news to communicate every thing is quiet here there has been a good deal said about taking in all able bodied men that were on detail but there has not been much done in our Division except such as did not belong to the Division they have all ben sent off and

several of the others left themselves without being ordered back to the commands I think they have all gone to Western Virginia ____ ____ them aware they would not stay and serve this Winter with a set of new hands and things to their companies in the spring others said they were tired of the Army and were going to get out of it There were four left our yard one night some before and one or two since there are some others that seem restless I can not tell how things will work with them if they are let alone they may stay as long as the war lasts but if they are pestered much they will be off. Many have come to the belief that we will never whip the Yankees and it is only a question of time to bring us under I hope for better things Others think our Government has not done its duty towards us and that it could have stoped the War before this time if it would but a certain class do not want it to stop. but be that as it may certain it is many are anxious for the war to stop and they dont care much how so they get out of the Army I have not seen Joel for nearly four weeks I saw I saw Jo Lemmon on his way down the valley the others I have not seen but were all well when I saw Joel they are not Camped close to us now they are still down near New Markett or six or eight miles below us I heard yesterday they were going to move up above us today but they have not passed yet do not know whether they will but think we will all move farther up before long though we may stay here sometime yet I was very glad to learn Sarah had heard from brother Peter and that he can hear the Gospel preached I heard a portion of a sermon yesterday for the first since last winter but not of his denomination it was by one of the United brethren they are something similar to the Methodist believing in the same baptism they do I have not heard a sermon by a baptist since the war commenced or since I left Bedford Oh that I could get back and have the privilidge of going to Church as of Yore me sometimes think I would be more attentive than when I was at home but I can not tell I have now been in the Army over three years during that time I do not think I have heard the Gospel preach but once if then but I know I am not a competent judge as I am no Christian enough.

Capt James was captured at Cedar Creek on the 19th I have not heard anything of him or Van since. I have not seen any of the boys for several days they were generally well when I saw them. I have no team now Capt Vogler said he was obliged to have some one here in the yard so he selected me for that one it is something easier than attending to a team but I did not much like to give up my team write soon and give me the news"

On January 15, 1865, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, James M. Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright:

"Camp Near Petersburg Va
January the 15th 1865

Dearly Beloved Mother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines this evening to let you know I am quite well and hope these lines may find you all well and doing well I have little or no good news to write to you I do not get to see any papers or any of my acquaintances to hear what or how things are going on I have been here at a Steam Saw Mill hauling plant to make plank road We have had a great deal of wet cold weather since we came down here and this being a low wet Country the Road have become almost impassible in many places We have been hauling over three weeks it appears to me we get along very slow but we have been at work on different places so that it does not make much show as soon as one place gets so they can not travel it we go and plank it and by the time that is done there is some other bad place to go to so we have been going from place to place all the time We stay up nights at the mill it is about three miles from Petersburg and all our hauling is between here and Petersburg but we have worked on several Roads we go in sight of Petersburg daily I have not been in the City much I have been in the upper end of it some four times but have never been to the lower end at all the Yankees throw a few shells in the lower end every few days and it is said it is torn nearly all to pieces I think from what I have seen it once was a much prettier place than Richmond

Mother how are you all getting along these times have you anyone with you this year what do you pay for hands if you have any what are good hands worth this year have you a good chance for a crop this Year did you make a good crop last year. is there much wheat sown now or did the Calling out the militia prevent a crop being sown. Where I was through the Valley wheat was generally sown long before they were Called out most people being done sowing before Sheridan came up to Staunton. how are you getting along with your work has it been so people could work out well this winter or has it been too snowy it does not snow much down here and then it does snow it generally melts off very soon. Is Fannie teaching school does she have a large School hope she is teaching and has a good school how is Sarah getting along has she any one to work for her this year. has she heard from Brother lately was he well give my respects to her and tell her I would like to hear from brother as often as convenient Oh! that he could get home there to stay but hope he is doing well where he is. but I know it is not where he would like to be Oh is there no chance for this War to cease and must we fight on till the last man of us is killed it really looks very much like it I have for sometime been taking notice of the Companies as they are and as they were when they first came out I think the average is from five to eight men now to the company that come out the first year of the War. The others are not all dead but they are disabled for services &c &c Oh that it we

could have pese that we all could get home. give my love to friends go and see Mary as often as you can ____ all you can ____ she is lonely. write as soon as convenient care Capt. Voyles A.Q.M Early Division

James M Wright"

On January 23, 1865, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/9 Mary T. Wright and other heirs of Sarah Marshall agreed to the conveyance of certain secured property in payment of a debt:

"Whereas Sarah Marshall in her life time by deed bearing date the 28th day of November, 1852, conveyed to James M. Wright Cirtain personal property in trust to secure a debt due to John A Marshall by bond bearing date the 2nd day of April 1849 and payable on demand for $597.82, which deed is of record in the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court and to which reference is made for a list and description of the property therein Conveyed, and the said debt to the said John A. Marshall being still unpaid, the undersigned distributees of the said Sarah Marshall do hereby consent and agree with the said John A Marshall that he shall take and hold as his own the property conveyed in said deed or such of it as is still remaining as of its value on the 28th November, 1852, to be ascertained by the appraisers of the estate of said Sarah Marshall and the amount of the valuation of said property to be credited on said bond as of the date of its valuation

Witness the following signatures and seals this 23rd day of January 1865

Simeon Tayloe
T M Marshall
Calohill Williamson
Mary T Wright
Susan M Marshall
John H Marshall
R. D. Salmons

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office the 3rd day of March 1865.

This writing was produced in said office, and at the request of John A Marshall admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

The birth record of Fannie A. Wright was dated in February 1866 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Fannie A. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	James M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Mary T Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Relation of Informant:	Father"

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 James M. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 James M. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 James M. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of Peter M. Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

> "This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M

Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof

the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright,

Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly

executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On January 31, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/70 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright sold their interest in certain lands owned by the estate of L. F. Wright:

"This Deed made January the 31st day 1870 between James M. Wright and Mary T. his wife of the first part and Joel M. Franklin of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. Witnesseth in consideration of one hundred and fifty two 52/100 dollars to them in hand paid the said James M. Wright and Mary T. doth grant unto the said Joel M. Franklin one undivided interest in two Tracts or parcels of Land it being one ninth of the Lands owned and held by L. F Wright decd in her lifetime and known as the Thomas and Bramblet places being the Lands allotted to said L F Wright decd in the division of Peter M. Wrights Estate lying and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Beaverdam Creek and adjoining the Lands of Joseph Saunders James Wills C H McMannaway and others and containing 178 and 47 acres more or less. Witnesseth we the said James M Wright and his wife Mary T. doth hereunto set their hands and affix their seals

James M Wright
Mary T. Wright

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I Robert M Beard Justice for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that James M Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 31 day of January 1870 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Aand I do further certify that Mary T Wright the wife of the Said James M Wright whose name is likewise sign to the wrighting hereto anext Bearing date as aforesaid Personly appiord Before us in my County aforesaid and being Examond by us Privily and apart from her husband and

having the wridting aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary T Wright acknolidge said writing to Be her act and declars that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to Retrack it Given under our hand this 13th day of Aug 1870

Robert M Beard J.P.
Abner Howell J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office August 23d 1870

This Deed from James M Wright and wife to Joel M Franklin conveying an interest in real estate, was produced in Said office, Stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James C. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
James C. Wright	40	M	W	Farmer	1150
Mary T. Wright	45	F	W	Keeping house	
Susan S. E. Wright	17	F	W	At home	
Wm P. Wright	15	M	W	Farm laborer	
Julia A Wright	13	F	W	At home	
Mary E. Wright	11	F	W	At home	
James A. Wright	9	M	W		
Fannie A. Wright	4	F	W		
Delia E. Wright	3	F	W		
Charles E. Wright	1	M	W		
Susan M. Marshall	11	F	W	At home	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
250	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

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This record indicates that James M. Wright was born in about 1830 and that Mary T. Wright was born in about about 1825.

On March 23, 1872 at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/523 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

On November 14, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/36 James M. Wright purchased 4/10 of 126 acres of land from E. C. Burks, as commissioner:

> "This Deed made this 14th day of November 1872, between C.C. Burks, Commissioner as hereinafter named, of the first part, and James M. Wright of the second part all of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia: whereas by decree of the Circuit Court of said County, made on the 4th May, 1869, in the chancery cause of "Meador & wife &c vs Patterson &c" the said E.C. Burks and James O. Hensley were directed to make sale of the 4/10 of 126 acres of land in the bill in said cause mentioned, and said Burks and Hensley as Commissioners made said sale which said sale was confirmed by the decree of said Court in said cause made on the 2nd May, 1870, and at said sale the said James M.

Wright became the purchaser; and afterwards, to wit, on 5th May 1871, the said E.C. Burks was, by decree in said cause made, appointed Receiver to collect the balance of the purchase money for said land still remaining unpaid; and it appearing from the report of said Burks, receiver as aforesaid, that all the purchase money had been paid, said Court at the October Term thereof, 1872, confirmed said report, and adjudged, ordered, and decreed that the said E.C. Burks who was thereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose, should, by deed with special warranty, convey to the said James M. Wright the said 4/10 of 126 acres of land in the bill mentioned - All of which will more fully and at large appear from the papers in said cause - Now, therefore, this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises, and in execution of the said last named decree, the said E.C. Burks, Commissioner as last aforesaid, doth grant unto the said James M. Wright the undivided 4/10 of 126 acres of land, it being the same in the bill mentioned, situate in the the said County of Bedford, and the metes and bounds of which said 126 acres will more fully and at large appear from exhibit (A) filed among the papers in said cause. And the said E.C. Burks Commissioner as last aforesaid, doth covenant, that he will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signature & seal.

E.C. Burks Comr.

County of Bedford to wit:

I, Robert P. Quarles, a Notary Public, for he County aforesaid, in the state of Virginia, do certify that E. C. Burks whose names is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 14" day of November, 1872, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand, this 28" day of January 1873

R. S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court June 24th 1873

This Deed from Edward C. Burks Commissioner to James M. Wright conveying real estate was produced in court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On March 27, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/37 James M. Wright purchased the remaining 6/10 of 126 acres of land from James O. Hensley, as commissioner:

"This Indenture, made this the 27th day of March A.D. 1873, between James O. Hensley, Commissioner, of the first part and James M. Wright of the second part: Whereas on the 4" day of May 1869 it was decreed and ordered by the Circuit Court of Bedford County in a certain cause their depending in the chancery side of said Court between Wright H. Wright Complainant, and Samuel D. Patteson, Wilson Meador and Mary his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife, Milly and Edward Brugh and Nancy Jane his wife Defendants that E.C. Burks and the said James O. Hensley Commissioner appointed by said Court among other things should make public sale to the highest bidder of six tenths of 126 acres of land in the Bill in said cause mentioned and whereas, on the 10th day of December 1869, the said Commissioners in pursuance of said deecretal order made said sale and the said James M. Wright being the highest bidder became the purchaser of the said six tenths at the price of Twelve hundred and fifty one 18/100 Dollars, which said sale was on the 2nd day of May 1870 confirmed by said court and the said James O. Hensley appointed a Commissioner to collect the purchase money for the said lands; and whereas the whole of the purchase money has been paid, and whereas by another decretal order entered in said cause on the 5th day of May 1871, the said James O. Hensley was appointed Commissioner to convey to the said James M. Wright the said six tenths interest by deed with special warranty. Now this indenture witnesseth, that the said James O. Hensley Commissioner as aforesaid, and party to the first part of this Indenture, in consideration of the premises and in pursuance of the said last named decretal order doth grant and convey unto the said James M. Wright with special warranty the undivided six tenths of 126 acres of land it being the same in the Bill in said cauase mentioned situate in the said County of Bedford and the metes and bunds of which said 126 acres will more fully and at large appear from exhibit "A" filed among the papers in said cause. Witness the following sinature & seal the day and year first above written

James O. Hensley Comr

In Bedford County Court June 24th 1873.

This Deed from James O. Hensley Commissioner to James M Wright conveying real estate was produced in court, acknowledged by the said James O. Hensley and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

The birth record of Martha Jane Wright was dated on May 8, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: Martha Jane Wright
Date of Birth: May 8, 1873
Place of Birth: Chamblissburg District
Parents: James M. & Mary T. Wright
Father's Occupation: Farmer
Father's Residence: Bedford
Informant: Father"

On February 17, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/453 James M. Wright and his wife Mary T. Wright executed a mineral lease to the Bedford Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company:

"Lease
State of Virginia
County of Bedford SS.

This Lease, made this 17 day of Feby in the year A.D., 1880, between James M Wright & Mary T his wife of Bedford County State of Virginia of the first part, and Bedford Iron Mining and Manufacturing Co. of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said James M. Wright & Mary T his wife of the first part doth demise unto the said parties of the second part, or their personal representatives and assigns, all Iron, Coal, or other minerals which may be found in and upon the tract of land hereinafter described for the term of five years, with privilege of renewal for like term of years, and the right to go upon said lands, to dig, mine and to haul from said land all or any minerals found upon said land is granted to the party of the second part

Said tract of land is located in Chamblissburg District Bedford County State of Virginia supposed to contain 280 acres more or less adjoining the lands of Capt West Stephen W Wright & others being purchased by the party of the first part from as will more fully appear by reference to a Deed on record in the Clerks office Book __ Page __ in the County of ___ Virginia

The party of the first part agree to give the party of the second part the right of way to and over any portion of the Land above described, for the purpose of obtaining or removing any Coal, Iron, or other minerals found in or upon said land; and the parties of the second part agree in case they injure the farm in regard to farming purposes that they will fill up holes or pay for any crop that may be injured and the parties of the second part shall have the right to sell and to dispose of their interest in and to this Deed of Lease to any person that they may elect; and that their heirs administrators executors or assign shall have the same title to this Deed of Lease as if the party of the second part were acting in person

And the party of the second part agree to pay unto the party of the first part the one fifth part of the new profits arising from the sale of any Coal or other mineral that may be mined or obtained from the Land heretofore described and leased, after the same is sold and the receipts are in the hands of the party of the second part or in lieu thereof have the privilege of accepting (15¢) fifteen cents per gross ton And the party of the second part hereby agree to pay the sum of one Dollar at the time of signing and delivery of this Deed of Lease by the party of the first part

Witness the following signature and seal

Witness

James M Wright
Mary S Wright

Bedford County Virginia, Feby 1880

Received of M & Preston T J Chapman one Dollar the amount specified in the above Lease Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of Feby 1880

Witness
William P. Wright

James M. Wright

Bedford County to wit: Decr 8 1881

We J A Marshall & S H Price Justice of Bedford county State of Virginia do certify that James M Wright whose name ___ to the writing above bearing date 7th Feby 1880 has acknowledged the same before us in our county aforesaid and we do further certify that Mary T Wright the wife of the said Jas M Wright whose name is also signed to the writing above bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined before us privily and apart from her husand and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary T Wright ___the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that ___ willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under our hands this 8" day of Dec 1881

J A Marshall
S W Price J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk Office January 31st 1882

This Lease for James M Wright and wife to The Bedford ____ and Manufacturing Company of Virginia leasing real estate ____ office and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro S Quarles, C.B.C."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
James M. Wright	W	M	55		
Mary T. Wright	W	F	54		Wife
Susan S. E. Wright	W	F	26		Daughter
William P. Wright	W	M	24		Son
Julia A. Wright	W	F	22		Daughter
Mary E. Wright	W	F	21		Daughter
James A. Wright	W	M	19		Son
Fannie A. Wright	W	F	14		Daughter
Della E. Wright	W	F	12		Daughter
Charlie E. Wright	W	M	11		Son
Martha J. Wright	W	F	7		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		At Home		
S		Works on farm		
S		At Home		
S		At Home		
S		Works on farm		
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S		At Home		
S		Works on farm		
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Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
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This record indicates that James M. Wright was born in about 1825 and that Mary T. Wright was born in about 1826.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

> "To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:
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> Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

On January 18, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/433 James M. Wright, as trustee, conveyed a parcel of land to Eliza S. Wright which her husband had purchased in his lifetime:

> "This deed made this the 18th day of January 1883 By James M. Wright Trustee in a Deed of Trust made by James P Franklin to me for the benefit of Peter M. Wright Deceased bearing date of the 5th day of July 1855 & duly of record in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford County. To Eliza S Wright widow and Executor of Joel Wright Deceased, Witnesseth that the said James M Wright Trustee has this day conveyed to the said Eliza S. Wright widow and Executor of Joel W. Wright Deceased all his right title and interest as such Trustee in a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford and as described in said Deed of Trust bearing date as aforesaid containing 50 Acres more or less said land being bought by Joel W. Wright at a Public Sale made on the 9th day of September 1871
>
> James M. Wright Trustee
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> State of Virginia
> County of Bedford to wit
>
> James M Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the 18th day of January 1883 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid this the 18th day of January 1883
>
> Chas H. McManaway J.P.
>
> In Bedford County Court November 26th 1883
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> This Deed from James M. Wright Trustee to Eliza S. Wright, widow and Executrix of Joel W. Wright deceased, conveying real estate, was produced in Court certified & ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste
> Ro. S. Quarles, C.BC."

The marriage license of Julia A. Wright and Samuel H. Dooley dated July 23, 1883, identified her as a daughter of James M. and Mary Wright and her age as 27, indicating a date of birth in about 1856.

On November 28, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/289 James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright sold 1 acre of land to Charles H. McManaway, E. W. Sale, and John W. Fuqua, as trustees, for a school:

"This Deed made this the 28th day of November 1885 by James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright his wife, both of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, to Chas H. McManaway E. W. Sale and John W. Fuqua School Trustees for Chamblisburg District Bedford County Virginia and their successors, Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of $20.00 to be paid out of the School fund of said District the said James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright his wife do grant unto the said Chas H. McManaway E. W. Sale and Joh W. Fuqua School Trustees as aforesaid and their successors, with general warrantee all their right title and interest in one Acre of land for the use of a public school for whites, lying in said County on the road leading from Stewartsville to Chamblissburg just below the junction of the Jordan town road, and bounded as follows, Begining at a small red oak bush on South side of Pates road, then N 47-1/2 E. 12.76 poles to a stone thence S 42-1/2 E 12.76 poles to a stone thence S 47-1/2 W 12.76 to stone on north side of said road thence N 42-1/2 W. 12.76 poles to the beginning, in witness whereof we do hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date above mentioned.

James M. Wright
Mary T. Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We Chas. H. McManaway and Chas O. Graham Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that James M. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the 28th of November 1885 has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid. And we do further certify that Mary Wright the wife of James M. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to to her she the said Mary Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it given under our hands this the _____ day of November 1885

Chas H. McManaway J.P.
Charles O. Graham J.P.

In Bedford County Court, April 26th 1886.

This Deed from James M. Wright & wife to the School Trustees of Chamblissburg District, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The death record of James M. Wright was dated on July 6, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Name in Full: James M. Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: July 6, 1890
Place of Death: Stuartsville
Cause of Death: Old age
Age: 65 yrs
Names of Parents: Peter & Susan Wright
Consort of: Susan
Designation of Informant: Wife"

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost and asserting that James Matthew Wright was then deceased:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright. . . .

Your Orators and Oratrices further represent that after the death of the said Peter M. Wright . . . . that the said James Matthew Wright has also departed this life intestate, surviving him his widow Mary T. Wright and the following children, to wit: Susan E. Wright, Wm P. Wright, Julia A. wife of Samuel H. Dooley, Mary E. wife of Adam L. Feather, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright and Mattie J. Wright, the last one of whom is an infant, under the age of 21 years, ... that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

This record identifies the family of James M. Wright as follows:

Wife: Mary T. (____) Wright,

Children:
1) Susan E. Wright,
2) William P. Wright,
3) Julia A. (Wright) Dooley,
4) Mary E. (Wright) Feather,
5) James A. Wright,
6) Alice F. Wright,
7) Delia E. Wright,
8) Charles E. Wright, and
9) Mattie J. Wright.

On March 9, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 27/53 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of James M. Wright was filed showing a value of 895.65:

"Inventory and Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the estate of James M Wright deceased, appraised December 11th 1890 by the undersigned appraisers, appointed by the County Court of Bedford County.

One Horse named Coly	75.00
One " " Clipper	80.00

One Colt	" George		55.00
One Yoke Oxen			70.00
One Cow (Flora)			20.00
One " (Red)			25.00
One " (Lilly)			15.00
One Heifer			18.00
Two "			18.00
Two "		9.00	18.00
Two Steers		10.00	20.00
Four Calves		4.00	16.00
Lot of Hogs		4.00	16.00
Lot of Hogs			126.00
Six Sheep		3.00	18.00
Two Wagons		5.00 & 12.00	17.00
One Jersey			10.00
Two Hay ladders			3.00
" Turning plows			4.00
" Harrows			2.00
" Double plow stocks			1.50
Old plows			.75
Wheat			17.00
Corn		$2.00 per bbl.	
Oats	50 bus. 40 cts per bu.		20.00
Grass seed	7 Bus @ 75 cts per bu.		5.25
Hay			60.00
Sheaf Oats			8.00
Top Fodder			2.50
Blade			10.00
Shucks			10.00
One Set heavy harness			8.00
One Set light "			7.00
One Set Hipstrops			3.00
Two saddles			8.00
One Man's saddle			1.00
" Cider Mill			3.00
Riding bridles			1.50
Blind "			.75
Scythe & cradles			3.00
One Spade			.25
Old Irons			.25
One Mower			20.00
One Rake			5.00

On March 9, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 27/57 a list of the sales of property of the estate of James M. Wright was filed:

"A List of Property sold by Chas E Wright Admr of J M Wright Deceased Dec 15, 1890

Articles	Name of Purchaser	
1 Lot Fence wire	Cash	$ .30
Half Bushel	do	.10
Wheel Barrow	do	.80
Fifth chain	do	.50
Iron wedges	do	.25
2 Hoes	do	.20
Picke & Hoe	do	.20
Spade	do	.13
Crow Bar	do	.20
Axes	do	.30
Broad Axe	do	.20
Mowing blades	do	.55
Scythe & cradles	do	1.45
Hay Ladder	do	1.75
Wagons	do	12.75
Pr. Stretchers	do	.95
Pr Stretchers	do	.60
1 Lot chains	do	.50
2 Turning Plows	do	5.25
4 Single trees	do	.45
1 Pr stretchers	do	.10
2 Colters	do	.95
1 Double shovel	do	.75
Plows & Harrow	do	1.90
Straw cutter	do	1.05
1 cutting Knife	do	.10
7 Bu. Orchard grass seed (59 cts per bu.)	do	4.13
50 Bu oats at .31 cts per bu.	do	15.50
Old mower & casting	do	.85
Brace & Bits	do	1.55
Lot Augers	do	1.15
Iron square	do	.30
2 Planes	do	.50
15½ Sacks Plaster	do	11.00
Lot sheaf oats	do	10.25
2 Lots Hay	do	28.00

240 Bu corn 47 cts per bu	do	112.80
Hay Forks	do	.80
Lot old irons	do	.90
Bridles	Cash	.60
1 Pr Lines	do	1.10
Traces & B. Band	do	.75
2 Pr Harnes & B.B.	do	1.65
Pr Harnes chains & Lines	do	2.00
1 set Hind Gear	do	11.75
2 Horse collars	do	1.50
1 Saddle	do	1.00
2 Side Saddles & Bridles	do	4.50
Ox Yoke	do	.05
Sausage mill	do	.55
Large Pot	do	.40
2 Cotton Wheels	do	1.50
Flax wheel & Reel	do	.55
2 Tables 5 & 10	do	.15
Desk	do	2.30
Writing Desk	do	.25
Shot Gun	do	6.00
Postil	do	.40
Feather Bed	do	5.65
Ditto	do	7.00
1 Pr Pillows	do	2.00
1 Barrel Mollasses	do	4.50
1 Pr Steelyards	do	.95
Cider Mill	do	4.75
1 Lot of Hogs	do	57.35
1 Horse	do	50.50
1 Colt	do	42.00
6 sheep 4.90 per head	do	29.40
1 Yoke Oxen	do	76.00
4 Heifers	do	47.00
2 Steers	do	23.25
4 Calves	do	21.00
2 Dishes	do	2.90
Blade Fodder	do	10.00
Cash on hand at time of decedent death		66.00
		$707.26

Charles E. Wright Admr
of James M. Wright deceased

Commissioner's Office February 28th 1891.

The foregoing List of Sales was this day returned, and being in proper form, approved.

W. W. Berry Com'r
of Accounts Bedford County Court
Per W. Mennis Quarles

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 9th, 1891

This List of Sales of personal property belonging to the Estate of James M Wright deceased was produced in said Office and, together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 14, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 68/356 the heirs of James M. Wright appointed commissioners to allot the dower interest and divide the estate:

"This Article of Agreement made and entered into this November 14th 1891, Witnesseth That Whereas; We the undersigned being the legatees and lawful heirs of the late James M. Wright deceased, and whereas the said James M. Wright did own at his death certain parcels or tracts of land, Situated in Bedford County State of Virginia, and we the undersigned, in order to save cost and expenses in the courts that may accrue in dividing up said lands among us; we hereby appoin W. W. Spradlin, John Spickard and John H. Huddleston as our representatives to act as commissioners to allot to the widow of the said James M. Wright deceased her dower and after belonging to the said James M. Wright deceased to the best of their knowledge among the nine children of the said James M. Wright deceased It is further agreed that the above named Commissioners shall, if in their opinion, think best, employ a surveyor to assist them in making this division and that they shall be paid for their services, we further agree and bind ourselves to stand to and abide to the acts and divisions of the above named, W. W. Spradlin John Spickard and John H. Huddleston of Bedford County State of Virginia may make of said lands, and that it shall be as lawful and binding in every respect as if, done by and order of the Court. As Witness whereof we hereunto affix our hands and seals the above named day and date.

Mary T. Wright
Sue. E. Wright

Julia A. Dooley
Alice F. Wright
Delia E. Wright
Charles E. Wright
Mattie J. Wright
Adam L. Feather
Mary E. Feather
S. H. Dooley
W. P. Wright
Virginia Wright
Jas A. Wright

Bedford County to wit:

I Jacob S. Markham a Justice of the said County certify that the above writing bearing date of the 14th day of November 1891 was acknowledged Sworned and subscribed to before me in my County aforesaid given under my hand this the 14th day of November 1891.

J. S. Markham J.P.

At Bedford County Court, December 28th, 1891:

This Agreement between Mary T. Wright and Sue E. Wright and others, heirs of John M. Wright, deceased, relating to real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

In January 1892 at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 71/84 a survey of the land of James M. Wright deceased was prepared and lots for division determined:

"January 1892

Surveyed for the Estate of James M. Wright Dec. a parcel of land situated in the County of Bedford State of Virginia and on both sides of the Chamblissburg Road and about one mile East of Stewartsville adjoining the Lands of W. H. Wright Spradlin, Dearing & others on East side of Road as at 1 corner to W. W. Spradlin thence with his line S 58-3/4° E passing the corner of lot no. 3 at 68 po in all 110 poles to a Large White Oak as at 2 thence with same S 62-1/4 E 30 poles to stone 3 corner to Spradling & Dearing thence with Dearings line S 64-1/2 E of lot No 5 at 13 poles in all 24.52 poles to a chestnut as at 5 S 31 E 34 poles to Black oak as at 6 thence S 44 E passing corner of lot no 6 at 24 poles in

all 45.36 poles a Red oak S 64 E 15.32 poles to pointers poplar and dogwood S 11-1/2 W 30 poles to a pasimon on side of Dearings Road as at 9 thence along Road S 77-3/4 W 28 poles thence leaving Road with Saml Woods line N 67-1/2 W 26.25 poles to pointers as at 11 with Saml Woods line S 34 W +ing branch at 12 poles the same being corner between lots 7 & 9 as indicated on plat in all 73.52 poles to Chamblissburg Road as at 12 thence along Road N 32 W 2 poles at 13 thence leaving road with Wrights line S 31 W +ing Greears branch at 60 poles at 68 poles come to corner of Dower and lot No 1 in all 145.25 poles to Greears branch Sorrel Sycamore pointers as at 14 corner to W. W. Spradlin W. H Wright thence up branch N 51 W 6.58 poles N. 11 E 5.25 poles as at 16 to bending sorrel thence with W. H. Wrights line S 85 W 45 poles a white oak on Ridge with same N 26-1/2 W 89 poles to stone corner as at 18 thence with same N 32 E passing corner of Dower line at 43.32 poles from stone corner in all 88 poles to Chamblissburg Road at Ice pond as at 19 thence along the South side of Road N 80 E 14.32 poles to stone pile thence +ing Road N 21 E 91 poles to Chestnut near the Road connecting the Chamblissburg & Bore Auger Road as at 21 thence nerly along said Road N 18 W 22.20 poles to oak stump, N 5 W 46 poles to Hickory N 43 W 33 poles to a point on west side of Road N 36 W 17 poles to Clusters of Chestnut Oaks as at 25 thence leaving Road N 76 W 33.09 to a gum on a small branch as at 27 thence with Spickards line N 46-1/4 E 47 poles to Bore Auger Road near Hickory on Spradlins land thence along Road S 32 E 22.50 poles to begining at 1 the above are the outside lines the following are the deviding lines of the Dower and 9 lots and indicated by dots the first dower line starting at a Red Oak on line from stone at 18 43.32 poles from stone to Red Oak as at a thence S 61-1/2 E at 60 poles pass a Locust corner to lots 1 & 2 as at B. +ing Greears branch at 100 poles in all 120.50 poles to stone in woods line as at C thence with the wood line to Road at 13 thence along Road N 33-1/2 W 46 poles N 61-1/2 W 21 poles to a point oposite the eastern post of a gate thence N 52 W 2 poles to a pine new corner as at D thence N 31 W 44 poles to white Oak as at E. thence N 43-1/2 W 26 poles to Hickory corner between lots 5 & 8 continueing N 43-1/2 W 11 poles to Chestnut on west side of Road at G thence with the outside lines back to Red oak at point A. Lots 1 & 2 is divided by a line from a Locust on Dower line at B. 60 poles from point a thence S 24 W 95 poles to a white Oak. Wright H. Wrights corner as at 17 the said lots 1 & 2 lye on the South side of Chamblissburg Road and South of the Dower the remaining lots lye North of said Road and Dower lot no 3 being the north Western lot is divided from lot 4 by a line starting at a point in road 15 poles S of Hickory at at 23 marked H thence on a new line N 45 E 55 poles to a Sassafrass in spread white oak in Spradlins line as at 2 S 52 W 95 poles to a pine near road as at J 9 poles S of an oak stump as at 22 on map line between 5 & 8 starting on dower line at a Hickory as at f 9 poles from Chestnut at G thence N 58 E +ing Dooleys branch at 50 poles at a willow marked K in all 120 poles to Locust in Dearings line L 13 po east of black oak at 4 line between 6 & 7 at a stake in Dearings line M 24 po east of black oak, No 6 thence S 52-1/2 W through

Orchard 61.50 poles to pointers chestnut oposite a large pine on Dooley's branch at W thence Down branch as it meanders between lots 7 & 9 S 48-1/2 E 12 po S 40 E 10 po S 68 E 11 po sarsafrass in Saml Woods line as at O thence starting at point N runing up branch N 46 W 8 po N 29 W 9.32 po Bridge at P continueing up branch between lots 6 & 8 N 19 W 10 po N 49 W 20 po N 37-1/2 W 28 po to willow on branch in line of lot 5 at K line between lots 8 & 9 begining at Bridge on branch as at P. thence along Road as it meanders S 77 W 21.50 po S 46 W 8 poles S 22 W 8.50 po S 39-1/2 W 18 po to road oposite the east gate post as at + the contents of the dower and of each lot marked on plat.

By J. E. Lewis

At Bedford County Court, March 29th, 1893.

This Plat and survey of the lands belonging to the estate of James M. Wright deceased, was produced in Court and at the request of the heirs of the said James M. Wright, or deced to be recorded.

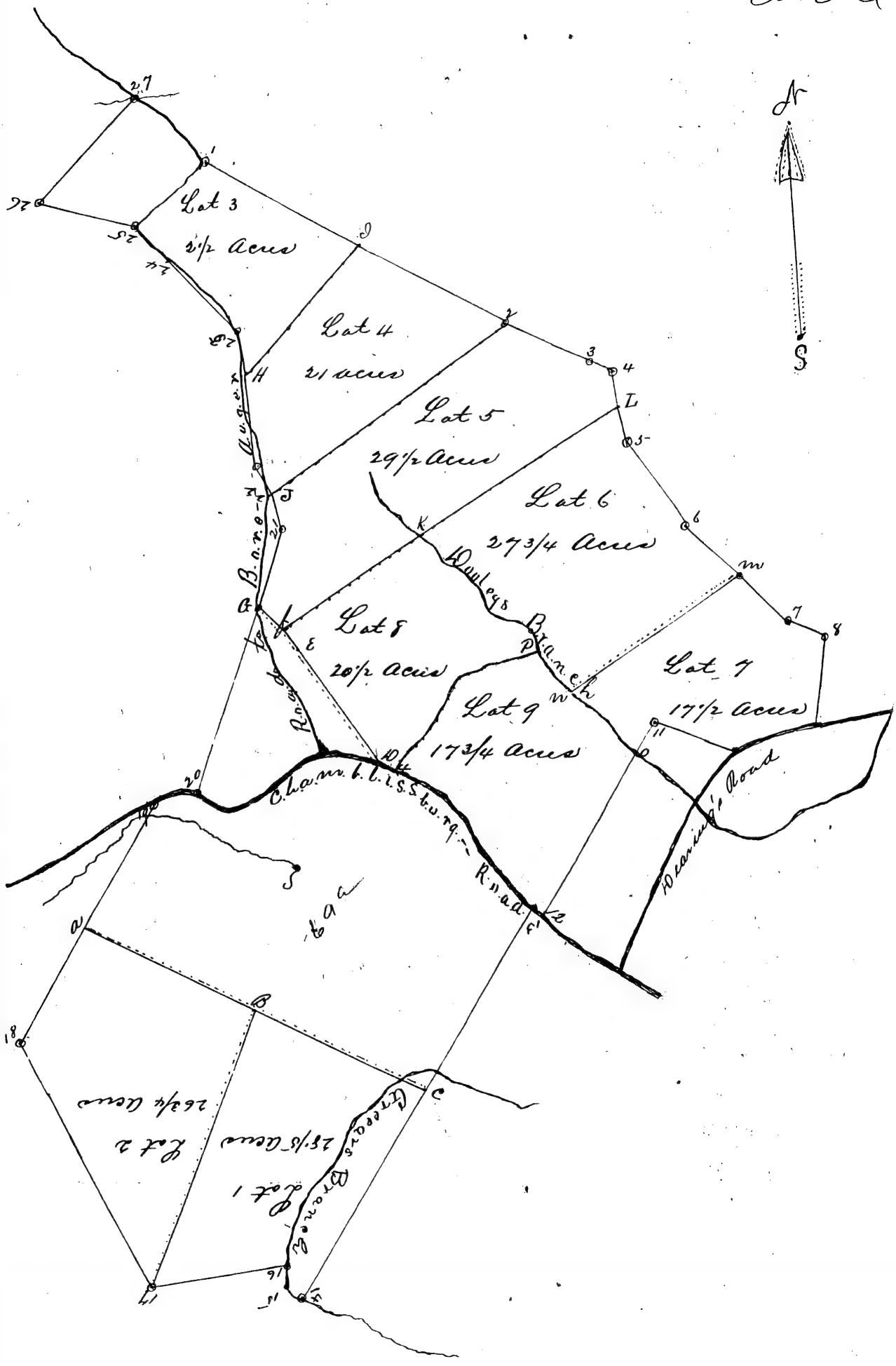
Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The plat for that survey appears as follows:

Syracuse, N.Y.

Teste,
Ro. S. Q.

Wright,
James M's Est.
Lot of Land



On January 25, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 27/399 Charles E. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of James M. Wright:

"The Estate of James M Wright, deceased, In account with Chas E Wright His Administrator.

1890	Dr		
Aug 25	To cash Paid Ro. S Quarles Clk Administration Tax &c as per receipt	3.56	
Dec 15	" " " J E Moomaw Appraiser	1.00	
"	" " " S B Wood Do	1.00	
"	" " " James M Pendleton Do	1.00	
"	" " " W H Powers Auctioneer	5.00	
"	" " " Miss Delia E Wright money loaned her father, Per Receipt	48.37	
"	" " " Miss Alice T. Wright money loaned her father (J M Wright)	28.75	
19	" " " Saunders & Brown attys	10.00	
"	" " " Dr Jno W Fuqua medical bill	2.00	
"	" " " Chas E Wright for services in farm 10 months @ $10.00	100.00	
31	" " " Ewel J Foster wages (1890)	51.65	
"	" " " Held for Sh'ffs fee executing sum's	.50	
1891			
June	" " " Paid Taxes for year 1890	30.25	
Nov 19	" " " Commissioners fee bill	6.75	
" "	" " " Ro S Quarles Recording his Sales & Inventory $4.72 & held for this a/c $1.82	6.54	
1891			
Nov 19	To Commissions on $707.26 @ 5%	35.36	
	Balance	375.53	
1890	Cr		
Dec 15	By List Sales of Personal Property	_____	707.26
		$707.26	$707.26
1891			
Nov 19	By Balance due The Estate		$375.53

Statement

This balance to be divided equal between Nine (9) Legatees, Viz:			
To Miss Susan E Wright 1/9 of $375.50		41.72-5/9	
" William P Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
" Mrs Julia A Dooley	Same	41.72-5/9	
" " Mary E Feather	Same	41.72-5/9	
" James A Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
" Miss F Alice Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
" " Delia E Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
" " Mattie E Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
" Chas E Wright	Same	41.72-5/9	
		$375.53	$375.53

Commissioners Office
Bedford City Va Dec 3d 1891

The foregoing account is a final settlement of the estate of James M Wright deceased, with Chas E Wright his Administrator.

The Settlement was laid before me on the 19th day of November 1891, and the balance found due the estate as of that date, Three hundred and Seventy five & 53/100 dollars ($375.53) principal, no interest charged as most of the indebtness was paid as soon as Admr made the Sale. This Principal $375.53 is to be paid to nine Legatees, as within named, no debts against the estate. Satisfactory vouchers for all the items of disbursements were laid before me, the notice required by law was posted at the front door of the Court House on the 1st day of November Term last, and ten days having since elapsed, the foregoing account is herewith returned. Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accts of the County Court of Bedford, this the day and year aforesaid.

W. W. Berry Com'r of Accts
County Court of Bedford
Per W. M. Quarles.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office Dec 3d 1891.

This settlement of the account current of Chas E Wright Admr of James M Wright dec'd, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C.

In Bedford County Court Jany 25th 1892

This settlement of the account current of Chas E Wright Admr of James M Wright dec'd, having lain in the Clerks Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

On September 6, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 29/31 Charles E. Wright filed a further accounting for the estate of James M. Wright:

"The Estate of James M. Wright deceased in account with Charles E Wright, His Admr.

		Dr.		
1891				
Dec	1	To Cash Paid Mary E Feather Legatee 41.72		
	4	" " " Julia A. Dooley "	41.72	
1892				
Jany	15	" " " Wm. P. Wright "	41.72	
	"	" " " Delia Wright "	41.72	
	"	" " " Mattie J. Wright "	41.72	
March	3	" " " Alice F. Wright "	41.72	
Dec	9	" " " James A. Wright "	41.72	
	20	" " " Sue E. Wright "	41.72	
	"	" " " Chas. E. Wright "	41.72	
	23	" " " Commissioner's fee	1.50	
	"	" " " Ro. S. Quarles recording this a/c	1.82	
1891				
Nov	19	By Balance as per settlement this day made and recorded in Will Book No. 27 page 399		375.53
		Bal		3.27
			378.80	378.80
1892				
Dec	23	To Balance due Admr	$ 3.27	

Commissioner's Office
Bedford City Va Jany 5th 1893.

The foregoing account is a final settlement of the estate of James M. Wright deceased, with Chas E. Wright Administrator, the statement was laid before me on the 23rd day of December 1892, and the balance found due Chas E. Wright Admr Three & 27/100 dollars ($3.27) - Administrator paid all the Distributees

under former settlement (which was not a final settlement & had expected to hold the Legatees receipt) - Satisfactory vouchers for the disbursements were laid before me, the Admr's name was parted as required by law at the front door of the Court House at its December Term 1892, (ten day's having since elapsed) said account is herewith returned. Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accounts of Bedford County Court.

W. W. Berry, Com'r.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, Jany 7th 1893

This Settlement of the Account Current of Charles E. Wright, Admr. of James M. Wright deceased, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court, September 6th, 1893

This Settlement of the Account Current of Charles E. Wright, Administrator of James M. Wright deceased, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On September 6, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 74/50 Mary T. Wright and other heirs of James M. Wright sold their interest in 91 acres of land to Wright H. Wright:

"This Indenture made this the sixth day of September 1894, between James M. Wrights heirs, of the County of Bedford State of Virginia, of the first part and Wright H. Wright of the same County and State of the second part Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first, for and in consideration of the sum of $360. dollars, lawful money of the United States, to them duly paid before the delivery hereof, hath bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant and convey to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, for ever, all that certain parcel of land, lying in the county of Bedford State of Virginia and adjoining the lands Burwell Baker Bush McFalls and others contaning 91 acres together with all and singular the tenements, heraditaments, and appurtinances, and all the estate, title and interest, of the said parties of the first therein. And the said parties of the first doth hereby covenant and agree with the said party of the second part that at the time of the delivery hereof, the said parties of the first part

is the lawful owers of the premises above Granted, and seized thereof in fee simple absolute, and that we will warrant and defend the above granted premises in the quied and peaceful possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 18th day of September A.D. 1894.

Mary T. Wright
Susan S. E. Wright
W. P. Wright
Jennie Wright
S. H. Dooley
Julia A Dooley
A. L. Feather
M. E. Feather
James A. Wright
Sarah A. Wright
Alice F. Thrasher
S. F. Thrasher
Delia E. Wright
Chas E. Wright
Mattie J. Wright

The State of Texas)
County of Dallas)

Before me Jno. T. Whitaker a Justice of the Peace Ex officio Notary Public in and for Dallas County Texas on this day appeared W. P. Wright and Jennie Wright, wife of W. P. Wright known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed. And the said Jennie Wright, wife of the said W. P. Wright having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she, the said Jennie Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal of Office this September 18th A.D. 1894

Jno. T. Whitaker
Justice of the Peace
Ex officio Notary Public
Dallas County Texas

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to Wit:

I, S. P. Harris a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that Mary T. Wright (widow of James M. Wright (Deceased), Susan S. E. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. Dooley his wife, A. L. Feather, and Mary E. Feather, his wife, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright and Mattie J. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing bearing date of the 6th day of September 1894 have personally appeared before me, and acknowledged the same, before me, in my County and State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1895.

S. P. Harris, N.P.

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke to wit:

I, W. G. Wood a Justice of the Peace for the above State & County do certify that S. F. Thrasher & Alice F. Thrasher whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date 6" day of September 1894 have acknowledged the same before me in my County & State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1895

W. G. Wood, J.P.

State of Kansas)
Hamilton County) S.S.

Be it remembered that on this the 4th day of May A.D. 1895 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in for the County and State aforesaid James A. Wright and Sarah A. Wright husband and wife who are personally known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing deed and such persons duly acknowledged the execution thereof as their free and voluntary act. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and attached my official seal the day and year last above witten.

I. J. C. Guy Notary Public
My Commission expires Feb. 20th 1896

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 20th, 1896.

This Deed from Mary T. Wright Susan S. E. Wright, W. P. Wright, Jennie Wright, S. H. Dooley, Julia A. Dooley, A. L. Feather, M. E. Feather, James A. Wright, Sarah A. Wright, Alice F. Thrasher, S. F. Thrasher, Delia E. Wright, Charles E.

Wright and Mattie J. Wright heirs of James M. Wright, to Wright H. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificates of acknowledgment annexed and admitted to record.

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.50 Pd.)

Teste
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

The marriage license of Susan E. Wright and Jacob A. Albert dated May 2, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as a daughter of James M. and Mary T. Wright and her age as 42, indicating a date of birth in about 1854.

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary E. Wright in the Charles E. Wright household with the following information:

Location				
In Cities Street	House Number	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
		37	37	Chas E Wright Mary E. Wright Delia E Wright Mattie J Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relation-ship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Oct	1868	31	S
Mother	W	F	July	1825	74	Wd
Sister	W	F	July	1867	32	S
Sister	W	F	May	1873	27	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that Mary Theresa (Marshall) Wright was born in July 1825.

Our Kin stated that James Matthew Wright was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, married Mary Marshall, and that they had the following children:

1) Susan (Wright) Albert,
2) William P. Wright,
3) Julia Ann (Wright) Dooley,
4) Mary Eliza (Wright) Feather,
5) James A. Wright,
6) Alice Frances (Wright) Thrasher,
7) Delia Eoline (Wright) Blankenship,
8) Mattie (Wright) Feather, and
9) Charles Wright.

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Matthew Wright was a child of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, was born on April 15, 1825, married Mary Theresa Marshall on February 12, 1852, that Mary Theresa (Marshall) Wright was born on July 2, 1825, and that they had the following children:

1) Susan Sarah Elizabeth (Wright) Albert, born on June 6, 1853, at Virginia,
2) William Pate Wright, born on July 8, 1855, at Virginia,
3) Julia Ann (Wright) Dooley, born on May 21, 1857, at Virginia,
4) Mary Eliza (Wright) Feather, born on October 4, 1858,
5) James Alexander Wright, born on January 28, 1861, near Roanoke, Virginia,
6) Fannie Alice (Wright) Thrasher, born on February 27, 1866,
7) Delia Eoline (Wright) Blankenship, born on July 6, 1867, at Virginia,
8) Charles Edwin Wright, born on October 21, 1868, at Virginia, and
9) Martha Jane (Wright) Feather, born on May 8, 1873, at Virginia.

In that same letter Mrs. Wilson enclosed the following from a letter from Laura Mae "Mamie" (Feather) Densmore, a granddaughter of James Matthew Wright and Mary Theresa (Marshall) Wright, dated April 19, 1966:

"As far as I can ascertain the Wrights only lived in Bedford Co. Mary T. was born at Thaxton, Va., Bedford Co.

Only last night I heard the most exasperating news I have heard in a long time. Grandpa Wright did have a family burial ground on the old home place and was sold long ago. Only recently was some of the land sold which had the cemetery on it and a house has been built right over the graves and people are living in it. You see it was only ten miles from Roanoke and my family lived seven miles below Grandman. . . .

The only Wrights that were buried in Grandpas cemetery were he and grandma. . . .

Minnie [Dooley Brooks] had all this information in her Bible . . . . loaned it to one and then the other [of her brothers] . . . . suppose it has been thrown out. . . ."

ii. Mary Jane (Wright) Craft, Her Husband James D. Craft, And Her Descendants

Mary Jane (Wright) Craft was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

On December 24, 1849, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 21/321 Mary J. Wright purchased 186 acres of land from Peter M. Wright and Susan Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 24" day of December 1849 between Peter M Wright & Susan his wife of the first part & Mary J. Wright of the second part all of the County of Bedford & State of Va. Witness that the said Peter M Wright & Susan his wife in consideration of the sum of nine hundred dollars to them in handpayed the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain sell confirm and deliver to the said Mary J. Wright her heirs & assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Franklin & State of Virginia on the streams of Black water River & Popplar Camp Creek and bounded as follows Begining at White Oak on Popplar Camp Creek thence North 190 poles to pointers S 75 W 21 poles to a Post Oak North 25 E 146 poles to pointers S. 60 E. 146 po to a white oak stump on Black water River thence down the same as it meanders 322 poles to the mouth of said Creek thence up the same as it meanders 120 poles to the begining containing 186 acres by survey. To have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the priviledges and apurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto her the said Mary J. Wright her heirs and assigns forever and the said Peter M. Wright and his wife Susan doth forever warrant & defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract of land unto the

said Mary J. Wright her heirs & assigns free from the lawful claims of themselves their heirs & all manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Peter M Wright & Susan his wife have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals this the day & date above written signed sealed & delivered in presence of,

Peter M. Wright
Susan Wright

Bedford County To wit

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Peter M Wright party to a certain deed bearing date the 24" day of December 1849 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin in order to be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of April 1850.

Jno Claytor J P
William Mead J P

Bedford County to wit

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Susan Wright wife of Peter M Wright party to a certain deed bearing date the 24" day of December 1849 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and after being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed & delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of April 1850.

Jno Claytor JP
William Mead JP

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 7' day of August 1850.

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Peter M Wright and Susan his wife of the one part and Mary J. Wright of the other part was exhibited into the said office and together with the certificates hereon indorsed admitted to record.

Teste.
M. G. Carper C. F. C."

The marriage bond of Mary Jane Wright, daughter of Peter M., and James D. Craft was dated on June 10, 1850, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Peter M. Wright as surety:

"Bedford Va

Mr Steptoe You will please Issue License to Marry James L Craft to my Daughter Mary J. & Oblige Your friend Yours Respectfully

J. Steptoe — Peter M Wright
May 30th 1850

Know all men by these presents, That we James L. Craft and ____ are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, &c. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 10" day of June 1850.

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound James L. Craft and Mary J. Wright daughter of Peter M. Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed, &c. James D Craft
in presence of"

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James D. Craft with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
James D. Craft	26	Farmer	Virginia
Mary J. Craft	23		
James Fouts	18	Laborer	

This record indicates that Mary Jane (Wright) Craft was born about 1827 at Virginia and that James D. Craft was born in about 1824 at Virginia.

The 1851 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amt of Tax
Burton & Poplar Camp Creek	12 NW	3.00	300	775.00	.93

Amount of Tax	Explanation

This record reflects the purchase of 186 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 21/321. The amount of land taxed was incorrectly listed as 180 acres, but was corrected in 1860 to 186 acres.

The 1852 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Blackwater	12 NW	3.00		540.00	.98

Amount	Explanation

The 1853 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Blackwater	12 NW	3.00		540.00	1.08

Amount	Explanation

The 1854 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description of the Land	Distance from Court House	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt. of Tax
Blackwater	12 NW	3.00		540.00	1.08

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alterations

The 1855 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Discription	Distance from CH	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Blackwater	8 NW	3.00		399.50	.80

Amount for County purposes	Explanation

The 1856 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Blackwater	8 NE	3.00		399.50	1.60

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1857 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed ? Mary J. Wright (J. Creft) with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
? Mary J. Wright (J. Creft)	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Blackwater	12 NE	4.00	150	720.00	12.88

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The reference to "(J. Creft)" indicates that this was the Mary J. Wright who married James Craft and that the land was still listed as her separate property.

The 1858 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. C. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. C. Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Blackwater	12 NE	4.00	150	720.00	2.88

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The listing of "Mary J. C. Wright" is a mix-up of the reference to James Craft ("J. C.") and Mary Wright from the prior year.

The 1859 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J C Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J C Wright	Franklin	fee	180	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Blackwater	12 NE	4.00	150	720.00	2.88

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary J. C. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary J. C. Wright	Franklin	Fee	186	Corrected

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Blackwater	12 NW	4.00	150	744.00	2.98

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

This record reflects a correction of the amount of land taxed from 180 acres to the 186 acres listed in Franklin County Deed 21/321.

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed James D. Craft with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate
Jas. D. Craft	38	M		Farmer	$3152
Mary J. Craft	34	F			
Abram M. Craft	8	M			
Eliza S. S. Craft	5	F			
Mary J. Craft	3	F			
Victoria G. Craft	2	F			
Elizabeth G. Craft	2	F			

Personal Property	Born
1200	Virginia
	Virginia
	Virginia
	Virginia
	Virginia
	Virginia
	Virginia

This record indicates that Mary Jane (Wright) Craft was born in about 1826 and that James D. Craft was born in about 1822.

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/457 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Mary J. Craft and James D. Craft joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

> "This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals
>
> Susan Wright
> Peter M Wright Jun
> James M Wright
> Joel W Wright
> Stephen W Wright
> James D Craft
> Joel B Lemon
> Wm W Basham
> Charles H McManaway
> Nancy A McManaway
> Mary T Wright

Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On October 16, 1864, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Mary Jane (Wright) Craft wrote to the Peter Meador Wright, Sr., family:

"Franklin Co. Va Oct 16th 1864

Dear Relatives

I avail myself of this opportunity of dropping you few lines by which you will learn that myself and Children are all in usual health at present hope this may find you all in good health. Mr Craft left for Camp Lee on Friday last I have heard nothing from him and he left he was not very well Complained of fullness of Stomach and difficulty of breathing which is not uncommon for him I fear it will be an unlucky trip for him andhis family but I know that we are all in the hands of an All Wise and Just God who doeth all things well, therefore I try to be resigned to our Lot when I thought he could stand the service it was a hard task but now it is even worse, but he is not alone others have to bear the same hardship which appears unreasonable. I hope this Contest will speedily be ended I cannot see how it can exist much longer are all the men gone from your section are Stephen Joel and Wm. gone has Peter been heard from since he was reported missing I am very anxious to hear from all the family Connection in the Army when did you hear from Eliza and Ann how are they getting on Mr Craft wanted to go to Bedford before he left but had too little time after he received notice. he wanted to arrange his business there and leave nothing undone that he will do to trouble others he asked me to write and escertain whether Wm is gone or not and whether he delivered his tenth of wheat and got his Receipt and how much he delivered so that I may know how much I will have to deliver here, and if he is gone and did not attend to it he wants you Mother to have it hauled when your waggon passes and get his receipt if you can and send it by the first Opportunity

to me if you please. If Wm did not collect his money from Mathis he can pay it over to you and you can forward it to me I have a place to put it and would like to have it but nothing urgent he wants to know of Joel or Eliza if Joel is gone if he has his Sow or sow and pigs ready for him he was coming to bring him one and get one in exchange if he had not been called off as soon as he was done seeding but now I cannot see how I can send for some time to come indeed we have no wagoner that I think safe to make the trip. Now, if he wants to kill his this fall we will have to give up the swap if we cannot convey one over in time other wise we would be glad to make the exchange. I want to send the wagon as soon as I can but If dont know when I can do it dont disommode yourself about the hog

my sheet is full write to me by next mail and give me all the news nothing more only my love to all

Mary J Craft

NB would be much gratified to see you all or any of you here this fall think be ____ you might come I will be lonely I know"

On November 24, 1864, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Mary Jane (Wright) Craft wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Franklin Co Va Nov 24th/64

Dear Relatives

According to promise I take up my pen to drop you a few lines we are all in usual health at present George's Burn is doing remarkably well think it will be well in a week or two hope this will find you all well and doing well I have no news to write of Consequence I got a letter from W Craft on Friday last he was well and had marched two days hard says he stood the march as well as any of the new recruits it was very gratifying to me to hear such news we are all trying to get our arrangements for Cold weather but it has set in before we are ready we are trying to make Molasses but the Cane freesed so it is no go we have our Crop all wound up with that exception my weaving I will have to close up for the winter though I am not done Fannie You wrote you thought you would come and see us this fall hope you will come and stay sometime you little know how desolate I feel (but enough of that) tell Sarah I will write to her soon Give my love to her and family tell her to write to me whenever she hears from Peter I want to know how he gets along in prison hope he will be comfortably provided for. Fannie I told little Fannie what you told me and she said she must go off it year she talks inteligibly and is spoiled to all ruin. says she is a Woman and believes it too. write to me if you cannot come shortly Give my love to Ma and all the rest tell her

I want to see her very much. tell Julia to let me know when she gets our corn ready I want to have it hauled shortly be it understood we need it for bread and home consumption morning move only I remain your affectionate sister

M J Craft

NB tell Mr. Abran says he is sorry he did not see him the other day and he must come soon"

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 James D. Craft and Mary J. (Wright) Craft, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of Peter M. Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

"This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M

Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright

Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

In her letter dated January 14, 1990, Mrs. Betty Craft enclosed a copy of the muster roll record for James D. Craft as a private in Company F, 36th Virginia Infantry, also known as the 2nd Kanawha Virginia Infantry, in the Civil War stating that he had enlisted on October 18, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia.

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/377 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft and other heirs of Louisa F. Wright sold their interest in that estate to William W. Basham.

On January 29, 1876, at Amherst County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft sold all of their interest in the lands of Susan Wright to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between James D. Craft & Mary J his wife of the first part & Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth: that in consideration of Three thousand dollars the said James D. Craft & Mary J his wife hath sold to the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd and thiere intire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright known as the Lemon lot in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also the entire tract of land drawn by said Craft & wife in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also certain personal property the whole of the land for the sum of $2,800.00 the personal property for two hundred dollars the payments to be made as follows One thousand dollars one year after date One thousand dollars two years after date One thousand dollars three year after after date the whole to bear interest from date till paid, the said James D. Craft & wife warrants the title to said real & personal property with general warranty a Lein is retained on said land untill the whole purchase money is paid. Witness the following signatures & seals

James D. Craft
Mary J Craft

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in and for the County & State aforesaid do certify that James D. Craft and Mary J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same before me, and the said Mary J. Craft being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Jany 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from James D. Craft and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 10, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/521 James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr., and identified Mary Jane (Wright) Craft as one of his children:

"To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:

Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix

> Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

> "To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.
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> . . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

The death certificate for James D. Craft was dated on November 28, 1895, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Place of Death: Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number: 9
Name of Deceased: James D. Craft
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 73 Years, 1 Month and 4 Days
Date of Death: November 28, 1895
Place: Felicia, Virginia
Cause of Death: Paralysis
Names of Parents: Not stated
Birthplace of Deceased: Franklin County
Occupation: Farmer
Consort of: Not stated
Name of Informant: Wm. L. Craft
Relation of Informant: Son
Commissioner of the Revenue: A. B. Garrett
Date Record Filed: Between 1895 and 1896"

The will of James D. Craft was dated on November 14, 1894, and probated on December 2, 1895, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. _/549 and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God amen I James D. Craft of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia being of sound mind but weak in body, but of memory thanks be to god for his mercy and knowing that it is appointed unto man once to die make this my last will and testament In name and manner and form following

namely it is my will and desire that after my death I be buried In a decent manner and that my funeral expenses together with all my just debts be paid by my execator hereinafter named and that the residue of my estate be disposed of as follows I will to my Son William L Craft my home tract of Land containing One hundred and Eighty Six acres be the Same more or less with general warrenty Secondly I will to my Daughter L. F. Craft a tract of Land adjoing Sam Poindexter and others known by the Poindexter tract and One tract Known as the patterson tract both containing about one hundred & Sixty Two acres be the Same more or less with general warrenty and lastly I appoint my Son William L. Craft as my execator to this my last will and testament as It is my desire to make my heirs Some where near Equal In my estate as my other children having received their shares

I further will that my execator shall not be required to give any surety and hope my execator will carry out this my last will and testament In obedience to Its true

meaning and intentions there of In testimony where of I here unto set my hand and seal this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and ninety four

Signed acknowledged
In the presence of
J. T. Arrington
S. H. Poindexter
wit
(D. T. Saunders)

his
Jas D X Craft
mark

Franklin County Court December the 2nd 1895.

The last will and Testament of James D. Craft deceased was produced in Court and proved by the oath of D. T. Saunders one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who testified that said will was signed, sealed, and acknowledged by the Testator in his presence and in the presence of J T Arrington and S H Poindexter the other subscribing witnesses thereto they three being present at the same time, and that said will was attested by him, and the said J. T. Arrington and S H Poindexter as subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time in the presence of each other and in the presence of and at the request of said Testator. The said will is ordered to be recorded and on the motion of William L. Craft the executor named in said will who made oath and executed Bond in the penalty of Two Hundred Dollars conditioned as prescribed by law without surety (The testator requesting that no surety be required, and the Court requiring none). Certificate is granted him to obtain a probate of said Will in due form.

Teste
J. J. Carter Clerk"

In her letter dated January 14, 1990, Mrs. Betty Craft enclosed family group sheets which stated that James D. Craft was born about 1822 or 1824 in Virginia, and that James D. Craft and Mary J. (Wright) Craft had the following children:

1) Abram Meador Craft, born on January 20, 1852, at Franklin County, Virginia,
2) Eliza S. Craft, born on July 16, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia,
3) Queen Elizabeth Craft, born on June 5, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia,
4) Queen Victoria Craft, born on June 5, 1858, at Franklin County, Virginia,
5) Mary "Mollie" J. Craft, born on July 17, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia,
6) Louisa Frances Craft, born in 1863 at Franklin County, Virginia,

7) James Graves Craft, born on December 15, 1860(?), at Franklin County, Virginia, and

8) William Lee Craft, born on February 26, 1866 at Franklin County, Virginia.

Our Kin stated that Mary Jane Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and married James P. Craft and that they had the following children:

1) Abram Craft,
2) Eliza Craft,
3) Mollie Craft,
4) Graves Craft,
5) Elizabeth Craft,
6) Victoria Craft,
7) Frances Craft, and
8) Lee Craft.

iii. Nancy E. Ann (Wright) McManaway, Her Husband Charles Harvey McManaway, And Her Descendants

Nancy E. Ann (Wright) McManaway was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Nancy Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and her age as 21 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1829.

The marriage bond of Nancy A. Wright, daughter of Peter M., and Charles H. McManaway was dated on December 18, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jonathan R. Steptoe as surety:

> "The Clerk of Bedford County Court is authorised to Issue License to join in Holy Matrimoney Harvey McManaway & my Daughter Nancy A this December 15th 1851
>
> Peter M. Wright

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Charles H. McManaway & John R. Steptoe are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 18" day of December 1851.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Charles H. McManaway & Nancy A Wright Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Charles H. McManay
Jno R. Steptoe"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Charles McManaway with the following household on July 12, 1860, at the Davis Mills Post Office:

Name	Sex	Age	Occu-pation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
C. H. McManaway	M	32	Farmer	5,000	2,000	Virginia
N. N. McManaway	M	30				Virginia
A. G. McManaway	F	7				Virginia
J. M. McManaway	M	4				Virginia
C. G. McManaway	M	3				Virginia

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/457 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E. McManaway joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Nancy A. McManaway and Charles H. McManaway joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

"This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other

part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E. McManaway purchased 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr. from the other heirs of Peter M. Wright:

"This deed made the 28th day of May in yeear one thousand and eight hundred and Sixty one between Susan Wright, James M Wright & Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Peter M Wright & Sarah J his wife, Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife, Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright, & Louisa F Wright, of the one part & Charles H McMannaway of the other part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars we the said Grantees do grant unto the said Charles H McMannaway a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford on the east branch of Beaver dam Creek containing one hundred and eighty three 3/4 more or less and bounded as follows beginning at a stake in the Peatown Road (Wills & Thomas corner) thence North 22°1/4 E 184°8/10 poles to a hickory on the side

of the mountain thence S 26 E 31-1/2 poles to an old marked hickory about 3/4 of a pole west of a large rock on the south east side of ridge thence N 33-3/4 E 45 poles in Dickinson's line thence S 80 E 140 poles to two pointers Chestnuts near an old field a corner in McManaways line Thence S 41 W 9-8/10 poles to 4 chestnuts three growing from the same root on top of the mountain N 88-1/2 W 35 poles to a pile of rocks & pointers thence S 47-1/2 W 72-1/2 poles to a hickory on a ridge the S 3-3/4 E 83-8/10 poles to 3 post oaks on the top of the Mountain thence S 11-3/4 W 28-4/10 poles to a dogwood on the siide of the mountain near the top thence S 74-3/4 W 50-1/2 poles passing an old Corner locust in all 70-1/2 poles to a planted stone near a white oak thence S 8 poles to a stake & pile of rocks on a bank ____ poles to a white former corner two white oaks one gone thence N 22-1/4 E 64-2/10 poles to the first station & we the Grantees do further covenant the we will forever warrant & defend the right & title to the said tract of land with all the appurtenances thereunto attached to the said Charles H McManaway his heirs personal representatives & assigns against the claims & demands of all persons whomsoever Witness the following signatures & seals the day day & year above written

Susan Wright
James M Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr, James M Wright, Stephen W Wright, Joel Wright James D Craft, Joel B Lemon and William W Basham, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of May 1861, have acknolwedged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861

J M Matthews

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify, that Sarah J Wright Wife of Peter M Wright Jr, Mary T Wright Wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft Wife of James D Craft, Eliza A Lemon wife of Joel B Lemon and Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 28th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Sarah J Wright Mary T Wright Mary J Craft Eliza A Lemon and Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be their acts, and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861

J M Matthews JP
F. H Jeter JP

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse August 26th 1861

This deed from Susan Wright and others to Charles H McManaway conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that Charles Harvey McManaway enlisted on July 23, 1861, at Chamblissburg as a 2nd Sergeant in Company K of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment, was present through September 1, 1862, was promoted to 1st Sergeant, was present until wounded in the chest under the arm, had the ball cut out through his back at the point of the shoulder blade on December 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, returned to the company on March 7, 1863, was appointed Ordinance Sergeant of the Regiment in March 1863, was present until promoted Ordnance Sergeant of Pegram's Brigade in 1864, was present until wounded through the breast at Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864, was absent wounded through February 28, 1865, returned and was wounded by losing the tip of his third finger on his left hand and part of his left hand at High Bridge on April 6, 1865, that his pension application stated that he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in January 1863 and served on the Regimental staff

through February 1864, received a pension at Chamblissburg in 1894, and died on October 20, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the McManaway Cemetery on Route 616, 2 miles north of Chamblissburg.

In July 1863 in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Alexander Gilmer McManaway wrote to Charles Harvey McManaway:

> "Dear Pa. I write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. there is but little news in circulation. the papers tell but little about the war. the fall of Vicksburg port Hudson is all that is thought of now that has greatly discouraged our troops. I want to hear of them shooting Johnson & Pemberton, for they richly deserve death. Johnson for not aiding Pemberton, while he lay near with 90000 men & Pemberton for not allowing his men to use their ammunition only at short range instead of giving it up into the hands of the enemy. The ____ that Lincoln henceforth fights with the black flag & think it is a good idea for we cant support so many Hessians & they have refused to have them paroled thinking thereby to encumber us. So what do you think of it. I & Jimmy went to see Grand Ma Monday, they were all well but Uncle Billy. he was getting about a little Aunt(?) Julia & Fannie were gon to +Roads to big meeting held by Methodist Uncle Billy gave me a half quire of paper if I would learn to ____ Ma will give me another half if I will learn in 2 weeks. I am trying hard to learn for the first time in my life. this paper is worth $2.00 pr piece dont you think I ought to try for it is the first present I have had lately. I have been qualified to the No(?) in family to get our sold(?) & made my mark until I am tired & forgot to tell you Morgan is at work in Indiana & Illinois. My corn is very grassy but it is as pretty as any I have seen I would not get ____ and 2 people are very ____ each side of us we have ____ shower here ____ I have hauled up ____ now to keep old Sallies hogs from destroying it they got about all the grass the price Mr Wills ____ is tolerably good Mr Wills has ____ his beat out. Mr. ____ to cut them (in price) I can think of no more at present your affectionat Son
>
> A(?) G McManaway
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> Dear Pa I am well & ____ very fast
>
> Jimmie
>
> Dear Pa I am well I almost a man & Jimmy can have ____ & wood in the shed. My ____ has been very sick so we could hardly help his wife, now she is better & dont lay down none (that he sees) ____ is badly crippled
>
> C G McManaw"

The context of the letter indicates that the children of Nancy E. (Wright) McManaway and Charles H. McManaway had been sent to Mississippi during the Civil War.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E. McManaway and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E. McManaway and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E. McManaway and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of Peter M. Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

> "This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be

sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright

Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the

said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/327 Charles H. McManaway acquired all of Susan Wright's interest in the estate of Louise F. Wright:

"This Deed made this the 11the day of February in the year of our Lord 1871, Between Susan Wright & Chas. H. McManaway both of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars in cash that the said Susan Wright Grantor hath released unto the said Chas. H. McManaway Grantee & his heirs after him to have and to hold for ever all her right title and interest (being one ninth part) in all the lands belonging to the late Louisa F. Wright, consisting in part of one tract lying on the head waters of the East Branch of Beaver dam Creek and containing about one hundred & Eighty Acres more or less, also one other tract lying on the South & West side of Millers Mountain containing about Forty nine Acres it being the lands assigned to the said Louisa F Wright Decd out of the Estate of the late Peter M. Wright, in Witness whereof I do here unto set my hand & seal the day & date above named

Susan Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

I Robert M. Beard Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Susan Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing Date on the 11th day of February 1871 has acknowledged the same

Robert M Beard J.P

before me in my County aforesaid

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office May 22nd 1871

This Deed from Susan Wright to Chas. H. McManaway, conveying an interest real estate was produced in said Office, stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, and together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 23, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/523 Charles H. McManaway and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr., and identified Nancy A. (Wright) McManaway as one of his children:

> "To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:
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> Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

On August 18, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/342 Charles H. and Nancy A. McManaway purchased the interest of William W. and Susan J. Basham in the estate of Louisa F. Wright:

> "This Deed of partition mad this the 18th day of August 1881, Between Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife and William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham his wife, witnesseth that in consideration of an agreement made and entered into by the parties aforesaid for the division of the land of the late Louisa F Wright, Do by these presents here sealed and signed convey to each other their rights titles and interest as hereinafter described, to wit, The said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife, Do grant unto the said Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife all their right title and interest in that part of certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford on the South branch of Beaverdam Creek containing One hundred and Seventy eight Acres more or less and adjoining the lands of Chas. H. McManaway Jo Saunders and Others, bying South East of a new dividing line agreed upon by the said parties and running as follows, Beginning at a newly chopped hickory on the North East Side of the Public Road not far from Saunder's barn thence North

East a Straight line - poles to a rock pile in the gap of the Mountain in Jas M McManaway's line Containing Sixty Acres more or less with general warrantee it being the interest of the late Susan Wright interest of ____ Nancy A. McManaway in the lands of the late Louisa F Wright of which she died possessed. And the said Chas H McManaway and Nancy A McManaway his wife Do grant unto the said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife all their right title and interest in all the said tract or parcel of land as before described lying on the North West side of the before described new line Containing One hundred and Eighteen acres more or less, And the said Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife do also grant unto the said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife all their right title and interest in another tract or parcel of lying on the west side of Slacks Mountain Containing fifty Acres more or less it being also a part of the lands belonging to the late Louisa F Wright of which she died siezed and possessed. In witness whereof we do here unto set our hands and seals the day and date before mentioned

Chas H. McManaway
Nancy A. McManaway
Wm W Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G Stewart a notary public for the county in the State aforesaid, do cerfity, that Chas W McManaway & Nancy A his wife Wm W Basham & Susan J. his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing deed dated August the 18th 1881, come personally before me in my County & acknowledged the Same and the said Nancy A McManaway & Susan J Basham, being examined by me seperately & apart from their husbands, & haveing the deed fully explained to them, they acknowledged the same to be their act & that they willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand Aug the 18th, 1881.

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court, November 28th 1881

This Deed of Partition between Charles W. McManaway and wife, and William W. Basham and wife, relating to real estate was produced in Court certified, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On September 10, 1887, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 61/106 Charles H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway sold their interest in a tract of land belonging to the estate of Susan Wright to William M. Fields:

"This Deed made this the 10th day of September in the year of our Lord 1887, By Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife of the first part to William M. Fields of the second part all of the County of Bedford State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars each in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Chas. H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife of the first part have granted and conveyed and do by thes presents grant and convey unto the said William M Fields of the second part all their right title and interest in a certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford on one of the south prongs of Beaverdam Creek adjoining the lands of P. M. Wright E. W. Dearing E. S. Wright and W. M. Fields it being a part of the lands formerly belonging to the late Susan Wright deceased and the distributive share of the said Charles H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway in the division of the lands of said Susan Wright Given under our hands and seals the day and date above mentioned

Chas H. McManaway
Nancy A McManaway

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

We C H Dickerson and C M Quarles Justices of Peace of the said County certify that Chas H McManaway whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the 10th day of September 1887 acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid. And we do further certify that Nancy A. McManaway whose name is also signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the 10th day of September 1887 personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and after being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the foregoing writing fully explained to her she the said Nancy A McManaway wife of the said Chas. H McManaway acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and declared she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 10th day of September 1887

C. H. Dickinson J.P.
C. M. Quarles J.P.

At Bedford County Court, October 26th 1887.

This Deed from Charles H. McManaway & wife to William M. Fields, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.

. . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

Our Kin stated that Nancy Ann Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, was born on September 6, 1829, married Charles Harvey

McManaway in 1851, and died on March 23, 1919, and that they had the following children:

1) Alexander Gilmer McManaway,
2) James Meador McManaway,
3) Charles Gustavus McManaway,
4) Ann Harvie McManaway,
5) Roberta Lee (McManaway) Lee,
6) Mary Eliza (McManaway) Wright,
7) John Eugene McManaway, and
8) Margaret Amanda McManaway.

iv. 1888 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County, His Wife Sarah Jane (Dearing) Wright, And His Descendants

1888 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Peter M. Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and his age as 19 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1831.

The marriage bond of Peter M. Wright and Sarah Jane Dearing was dated on May 10, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Edward Dearing as surety and the marriage on May 20, 1852:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Peter M. Wright and Edward Dearing are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 10" day of May 1852.
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> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Peter M. Wright and Sarah Jane Dearing Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct

said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Peter M. Wright
Edward Dearing"

On September 9, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/540 Peter M. Wright, Sr., and Susan Wright sold 150 acres of land to Peter M. Wright, Jr:

"This deed made September 9th day 1852 between Peter M. Wright sen and Susan his wife, of the first part and Peter M Wright Jun; of the second part all of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia Witnesseth that in consideration of the (love and esteem they had for the said Peter M Wright Jun: they give the sum of three hundred dollars in the undernamed tract of land) and for the further sum of nine hundred dollars to them in hand payed by the said Peter M Wright Jun the said Peter M Wright sen and Susan his wife doth grant unto the said Peter M Wright Jun one tract or parcel of land supposed to Contain about 150 acres situate lying & being in the County & state aforesaid and on the waters of Beaver dam Creek and Bounded as follows viz Beginning at William Holladay's & Wm Johnson's corner red oak stump thence along Johnsons lines N 37-3/4° W 36 poles to a dogwood sprouts formily a white oak S 48-1/2° W 57 poles to a white oak stump thence continuing along Johnsons line to Douglass corner in said line and along Douglass line S 57-1/2° W 30-1/2 poles to a dogwood & 2 stumps on north hill side S 66-3/4° W 44 poles to sourwood stump S 79-1/4° W 10 poles to a spanish oak near a branch S 88 W 12 poles X said Branch to a maple S 72-1/4° W 21 poles to red Oak stump & sprouts S 7-1/2 W 35 poles to a hickory on the ridge & in the field thence a new straight line through the field & as the fence runs to James O Wrights corner rocks on a ridge thence with said Wrights lines to Joseph W. Mayse corner pine on pates road & near the Creek thence with said Mays lines to William Holladys corner thence with said Holladys lines to the first beginning Witness we Peter M Wright and Susan his wife hereunto annex our names and affix our seals the day & date first written

Signed Sealed and	)	Peter M Wright sen
acknowledged	)	Susan Wright
in the presence of	)	
Eliza A Wright	)	
John G Dent	)	
Louisa F Wright	)	

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office the 3rd day of June 1861 This deed from Peter M Wright senr & wife to Peter M Wright Jun conveying real estate was produced in said office proved according to Law by the oath of Louisa F Wright one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, as to Peter M Wright senr. And

thereafter to wit in the said office on the 24th day of August 1861. The same was again produced in said office, and further proven according to law as to the said Peter M Wright senr by the oath of Eliza A Wright another subscribing Witness thereto and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The birth record of Samuel T. Wright was dated on January 2, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Saml T. Wright
Date of Birth:	January 2, 1855
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Peter M Wright Jr.
Mother's Name:	Sarah J.
No. at Birth:	1"

On June 8, 1855, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 37/377 Peter M. Wright, Jr., acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by William and Martha Franklin to secure a debt due to Peter M. Wright, Sr.

The birth record of Maria F. Wright was dated on April 11, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Maria F. Wright
Date of Birth:	April 11, 1857
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Peter M Wright Jr
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Sarah J. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On February 20, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/437 Peter M. Wright, Jr., acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Robert W. Elam to secure a debt due to Silas Dearing.

The birth record of John A. Wright was dated on November 2, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	John A. Wright
Date of Birth:	November 2, 1858
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Peter M Wright Jr
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Sarah J. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Peter M. Wright with the following household on July 14, 1860, at Davis Mills:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Peter M. Wright	29	M		Farmer	2,400	1,200	Virginia				
S. J. Wright	26	F					Virginia				
M. J. Wright	7	F					Virginia		1		
S. T. Wright	5	M					Virginia				
M. F. Wright	3	F					Virginia				
Jno. A. Wright	1	M					Virginia				
P. Huddleston	15	F					Virginia		1		

The birth record of William Conner Wright was dated in September 1860 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Wm Conner Wright
Date of Birth:	September 1860
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Peter M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Sarah J
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 Peter M. Wright, Jr. and Sarah J. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Peter M. Wright, Jr. and Sarah J. Wright joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

> "This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts

Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared

that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Peter M. Wright, Jr., and Sarah J. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

The Virginia State Archives provided a certificate dated February 18, 1947, regarding the service of Peter Meador Wright in the Confederate Army:

"Virginia State Library
February 18, 1947

This Certifies that on p.333 of vol 6 of the manuscript Confederate records in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library the information is given that Peter M. Wright was a captain in Co. B, 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Bedford and Roanoke Counties, commanded by Captain Peter M. Wright that he enlisted and served

Remarks: Promoted captain 1863. Wounded Locust Grove May 5, 1864. Mechanicsville May 30, 1864, Captured prisoner Fort Delaware from Sept. 19, 1864 till June 5, 1865.

Randolph W. Church,
for M.H.P. Acting State Librarian"

The State Archives also provided copies of the Company Master Rolls for his service as follows:

"(Confederate)

W 58 Va.

Peter M. Wright

(Capt. Jubal D. Meador's Co.
Sgt ((Stewartsville Tigers),
(Virginia Volunteers.

Age 30 years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above, from the county of Bedford.

Roll dated Sept 28, 1861
Muster-in to date Sept 28, 1861
Enrolled for active service:
When Aug 24, 1861
Where Stewartsville
By whom Capt Meador
Mustered into service:
When Sept 28, 1861
Where Staunton
By whom Maj Harman.

November and December 1861: 2 Sgt in Company K, 58th Regiment
January & February 1862: 2" Sgt in Company K, 58th Regiment
March & April 1862: 2 Sgt, Co. K, 58 Reg't,
May 1, 1862: Elected 1 Lieut, Co. B. 58 Reg't.,
August 31 to December 31, 1862: 1 Lieut, Co. B, 58 Reg't,
January & February 1863: 1 Lt., Co. B, 58 Reg't,
March & April 1863: 1 Lt., Co. B, 58 Reg't,
May 7, 1863: Promoted to Captain,
July & August 1863: Captain, Co. B, 58 Reg't, absent on detached service
May 31, 1864: Admitted to hospital in Richmond for Chimborazo
June 7, 1864: Winder Hospital,
September 19, 1864: Captured at Winchester, Virginia
September 25, 1864: sent to Fort Delaware as a prisoner of war,
October 1864 to February 1865: prisoner of war"

The final muster record from the State Archives provided as follows:

"(Confederate)

W 58 Va.

P. M Wright Capt 58 Regt Va

Name appears as signature to an Oath of Allegiance to the United States, subscribed to at Fort Delaware, Del.

Place of residence Bedford Co Va
Complexion dark; hair brown
Eyes hazel; height 5 ft. 6 in.
Remarks: Released by order Genl Grant June 4 65

Name appers in column of names as Peter M Wright

A ___ Copist"

On October 19, 1861, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Lee Staunton Va
October 19th 1861

Dear Sister I now seat my self to answer your letter dated the 14. and I was more than glad to hear from you all, and hear that you are all well, but hoped in vain to hear that my Family was well, hope they soon will be. I am well at present and hope this may find you all enjoying the same blessing. you wanted to know how we are geting along in Camp, and if I had any office. I am 2th Sergent and geting along verry well you allso wanted to know if non Commissioned Officers had to stand gard. they donot have to stand guard, but post the gards, and see that they do there duty. there is one Capt apointed Officer of the day 2 Lieutenants of the gard. one more Commissioned officer and 6 Privates from each Company that serve 24 hours they take it in regular rotation. it is the duty of the Capt to see that the rules of the Camp are strictly observed, and the duty of the 2 Lieu to change the gards every two hours. there is three releifs of gards to each Post. they are on duty 2 hours and off 4 for instance the gard is mounted every morning at hal past seven and the first relief goes on at 8 stand till 10 at which tiem Lieu sends round a non commissioned officer with another relief and they stand untill 12 and so on these 24 hours and the officer of the day is Liable to be reported by the officers of the gard for failure of duty and they are liable to be reported by the Noncommissioned officers and the Noncom officers by them. so you see it is a bad chance to pull side ways and therefore it is the verry place to try a man to the bottom, and see if he is sound, for flaws will show

when they are hamered. Fanny you said you hoped we would all soon be dis charged from our present dutys by a just and honorable settlement of the present difficultys, and return home to the bosom of our friends. would to god that it could be so, but I have no hope of it, count on nothing else only serveing Twelve months in the army, if I am blessed with health, which God only can give and my only trust is in him, for deliverance from our present difficultys, and my return to them whom I so dearly love, and to one that has been so kind to me, and at all times ready to make me happy by kind words and affectionate love. Fanny I Left a kind wife and one that has all ways made me happy and the care of 5 little Children resting upon her. Hope the Lord will bless her with health and strenth, and directh her for Future hapiness, and my Children I can only say O Lord a father to them be. and keep them from all harm. That they may love and worship the and dwell upon thy charms Fanny I was glad to hear that you had been to see Sarah, hope you will go often, for I know she is lonesome unless she has Company wish I could see her and the children but dont know when I can. tell her not to see any trouble after me for I am in good spirits, and hope to see her before long. the Mesles are still raging in Camp. there is as nigh as I can gess about one fourth of the men here sick, and the Regiment is now made up, Capt Hollys Company landed here yesterday, dont know when we will leave him our Colonel has not got here yet thoug that will not keep us here if the men was all well dont know where we will go they say there is plenty of men out west of this and its verry uncertain where we go

I have had the pleasure of seeing a god many Yankeys since I have been here, they loked verry much cowed and out Lied a Camp meeting. the truth from them was scarce and hard to get think they will be verry apt to learn a lesson before they are much older they carryed them on to Richmond stayed all night here and we had to gard them we get some of them every few days wish we could get them faster and teach them to let that alone which dont belong to them so we might be at home with our Familys and be at rest themselves, but if nothing else will do them I think we can thrash them verry deacently and learn them to help there poisinous feet off of virginia soil I must bring my letter to a close Harvey Me and James Wright is well and James says he will write to you in a few days tell Joel and Julia to write to me and write often please write son for you dont know how much good it does me to get letters give my love to all and accept a Sisters portion for your self please excuse bad writing as I have a verry bad chance

Peter M Wright"

On December 10, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright:

"Camp McCulloch Hyland Cty Va
Decm the 10th 1861

my Dear Mother I received your thrice welcome little Letter whch was so snugly filled with matter I now proceed to answer it. I am in tolerable health at present and hope this may find you all in the enjoyment of health. I have but little news to write, there being but little change in Camp of late, the general health of our Company is improveing but there is a greateal of sickness here we have Mesles Mumps yellow jandus and Fever all to incounter with there is 2 Cases of Fever in our Company Capt Holly has lost 7 Men Cousin John Neimo and Robert Hogers are 2 of them has More that is verry low think they will not recover there is a good many dying here and no prospect of better times that I can see would to God that we could have peace in our Land and enjoy the blessings of life and the priviledge of being with our Familys, but alas it is not the case and we ought to be as much resigned to the will of God as posible for his merces are great and of great duration or we would long since have been trying the eternitys of another world but according to his mercy he has spared us and blessed us with a reasonable portioun of health and the blessings of life Mother you said while we were soldiers battling for our countrys rights may we also be soldiers of Christ there my hope and strenth lyes. if it was not for the little hope which I have in Christ, it seems to me my heart would break, but I have some precious seasons which makes me Glory in the Lord and trust to him in all my trials and troubles in life for his promises are presious to my soul, for he says Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven again he says; blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shal be filled. and I feel sometimes like I am one of that number and again he says ye may know that ye have passed from death unto life because ye love the Brethren dear Mother I feel that I love Christians and enjoy there company more than all others though they seem to be scatering here. the number is small and verry small. the most of this Regiment seem to depend on thir own strenth for deliverance from there present dificultys they seem to be hardened till there is no fear of God before them I must change my subject for there is so much noise around me I cant write James is well and geting along verry well Harvy Mc is allso well and a good soldier so fair we are working on our huts slowly dont believe we will winter in them unless they work faster than they have done I have bilt a Chimney to my tent and it does verry well makes it much more Comfortable think I could winter in it without sufering verry much with cold I must come to a close by asking you to write when you can tell Fanny not to forget to write to me and give me all the news my love to all inquiring Friends if any James received Marys Letter and is trying to come home has got a Furlow from the Capt and Col if general Loren

approves it he will come soon if not he cant my love to all so nothing more only remain your affectionate Son

Peter M Wright
to Susan Wright"

On February 9, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Monterey Highland Co Va
February the 9th 1862

Dear Sister I now through the mercy of God seat my self to answer your verry kind letter which came to hand in due time and found me with a very bad Cough but have receovered from it I am now in better health than I have been since I have been in the Service of my Country and hope these few lines may find you all in the enjoyment of health and hapiness I was verry sorry to hear of Diphtheria being in the Neighborhood it being so fatal among Children hope it will disappear without damage we have a greateal of sickness here mostly Pneumonia we have lost 6 Men out of our Company and have three verry doubtful cases on hand now. Jackson Siner Thomas Franklin and John Crouch three others quite low but improveing think they will get well with no bad luck Van James Wm Moor and Tillmon Parker I reported 28 Men this morning able for duty in our Company it is improveing Van West and Wm is rite unwell have verry severe Colds hope they will soon recover. there is 7 Companys of our Regiment gone to Huntersville expect the balance of us will go in a few days hope so at least for Dr Morison says this is the Sicklyest place in Virginia and Huntersville is only a little better we have a great Deal of rain and some now and not much verry cold weather we are all in Houses and not much to do only get firewood and something to eat and nothing to cookin hardly so you may guess we are not in a conted situation it is beast to have something to engage the mind to keep it from a wondering condition and hard studdy a bout our condition (I mean the condition of the Country) we live in hopes of a change if we dy in dispair I hope to see the end of the war and enjoy freedom once more on earth if it is the will of Lord to spare mean to be returned to my little Family with whom I have lived so happy and been blessed with peace and plenty I have but little news to write and of course I cannot interest you much the Malitia left this place for home yesturday they seemed rite much rejoiced to think there time was out and seemed to hope they woud not be drafted any more but I think they are hopeing on a verry lame stick I think the whole Malitia force will be called in less than 60 days without a great change of times I see no way of escape and there is no diferance as yet between the Malitia and Volunteers in there pay or fare they all fare a like only the Volunteers has the Fighting to do I must bring my scrible to a close for I cant compose nor write my mind is to much wandering to write give

my love to Ma and all the Family and all inquiring Friends tell Jack to write to me I wrote to Stephen more than a Month since and have received no answer write soon and write all the news direct to Monterey James is well and doing well so nothing more at present only remain your affectionate Brother

Peter M Wright

tell Sarah I am well and in good spirits and going to write to her to morrow if I can hope she is well and all the Children and I may see her before long"

On March 4, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Monterey Highland Co Va
March the 4th 1862

My dear Sister I through the mercy of God seat my self to acknowlede the receipt of your verry kind and welcome letter whch came to hand in due time, and, was verry glad to hear that you were all well. This leaves me in tolerable health hopeing it may reach you in due time, and find you all in the enjoyment of health and plenty I have but little news to write you there being but little going on out here we still have a greateal of Sickness here and some dying we have lost 12 men out of our Company and have a bout so sick at this time Capt Meador is in a right bad fix, think he is confined for a long whet, with good luck, and bad lick would soon discharge him from his earthly station wish he was well for we need him verry much Van James is yet confined to the House the Dr. says he will not be fit for Service under one month and a half Wm. West is at the Hospital and right poorly. James is complaning but going a bout hope he will soon recover his accustom health we only have 2 verry bad cases on hand at this time hope the time will soon come when we will have better health and get out of this Sickly place for we will never have any health here I dont believe though it has been a verry weet disagreeable winter rains or Snows a bout evry other day, we had 3 fair days at one time last week the beast spell we have had in a long time. I think we will be moved from this place as soon as the Malitia comes out here I think there is a heap of hard Fighting to do and it will have to be done in a short time it seems that we are loosing ground of late and there must be a change if we gain our independance it is thought here by some of our leading Men that we will have to give up the whole of virginia but I think if it ever comes to that there will be a great many that will refuse to pass there Familys. I think I would be one of the number for I never could have the idier of leaveing my Family in the hands of Yankeys, I hope we will never have such luck as that, for I should give up all hopes of ever conquering them we had a little excitement here last night had orders to lay with our guns in our arms. there was a dispatch come in that there

was a 1000 or 1200 comeing into Monterey I did not feel atall allarmed for I thought they had more sense than to come in as small anumber as that, for they could be to easily cut of John O Beard tells me old Bedford is volunteering a gain strong hope she wont be drafted yet for I think there is something to do at home as well as fight for Men cant fight unless they eat and they cant eat unles they can get it I dread a Famine worse than the Fighting but dont think there is any danger this year but we know not when it will end the prospect of peace is gloomy, and we cannot promise our selves any thing but hard times while we live, the only thing I can see to cheer the mind is a lively hope in Christ Fany you said Billy wanted to know how I knowed the Vols. teers had the Fighting to do when I see anything I know it. The Malitia out here were keep to gard the Comissary stores because they would not stand there ground in battle. They were tryed and run, and if that is not proof he may say I dont know. Fanny what has become of Stephen I have writen to him and never get any answers from him reckon he has things of more importance to attend to tell Joel I wish him much joy. give my love to all inquiring Friends if there be any such and particular to Ma Brothers and Sisters tell Grand Ma howdy for me I must close for want of room and time write to me often and give me all the news from old Bedford, and tell me all a bout the Volunteers and whether the Malitia has to go hope they wont so nothing more at present only remain your affectionate Brother

Peter M Wright"

On April 16, 1862, Peter Meador Wright wrote the following letter to his wife Sarah, transcribed in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II To His Wife Sarah During The War Between The States 1862 To 1864:

"Camp Shenandoah, Augusta Co., Va. April 16th 1862

My dear Darling,

It is through the tender mercy of a kind Providence that I am blessed with the opportunity of writing you a few more lines by which you will learn that I am in the enjoyment of good health and have been for sometime. I hope this may find you all in the enjoyment of perfect good health and getting along well. I have received two letters from you since I last wrote, one which was dated March the 27th, the other April the 9th, and I received one between the two dates which I have answered. This one that I speak of behind time was caused by our moving--went to Monterey and came back but there is no mail from the South that can go there now. It stops here. We allow none to pass here going west, but, as many as can come East as wants and there are a good many moving by here. They have left their [homes?] and a great deal of property to get shut of the Yankees. There are a good many wealthy people that have passed here with just what they could haul with their teams at one load and driving their stock

before them and the women and children wading the mud to keep from being taken by the Yankees. O, Sarah, we think we have trials, but what is ours to these that have to leave their homes and go to an unknown country, to them without any support. You can't imagine how I feel for them, poor women and children 2 years old (illegible) . . . think they have gotten out . . . without support . . . O and not allowed to have their own. O that the War would cease and peace about throughout our land, so that families might return to their homes and husbands to their wives and children to their parents and enjoy the blessings of a peaceable and quiet life and learn to be more obedient to their Creator who rules all things, and that they might continue to lead a peaceable and quiet life the remainder of our days. But instead of that there is more grand rascality going on now that I ever saw in my life even men professing to be Christians, and gentle men of honor and strong secessionists and declared that if Virginia did not secede they would leave the state and that they were ready at any time to take up their muskets in defense of their Country's rights and where do you see them now? Some of them hiring [the] hands for substitutes that were left to work for the wives of husbands that have gone in defense of their country leaving them not so much as a skill[ed] boy, it will be a great time to make money trading and that they can soon make money to pay a substitute. Who are they going to make it off of I wonder? I answer: the needy women whose husbands are fighting their battles and undergoing the hardships of a camp life. I ask all such men if that is doing as they wish to be done by or do they think they are doing God's service by such acts. Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye made clean the outside of the cup and of the platter but within they are full of extortion and excess. Woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward but are within full of dead Men's bones and of all uncleanliness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto Men but within you are full of hypocricy and iniquity. I wish all Men well but such as I have named. I wish they were pressed into service where they would learn to sympathize with those that are fighting their battles for them to live at their ease upon the hard earnings of the poor soldier by underminded and sneaking turns. It is much for the Men of Spirit to bear and remain quiet, and the time will come if we live to see the war close when all such men will feel the effects of their conduct. I don't wish to be [mis]understood, that there is anything disgraceful in a man's hiring a substitute if he does nothing more. I speak of men who have done all they could for secession and talked that they were just ready to shoulder the musket at any time and instead of that have done all they could to get other men off. When that is done you see them taking advantage they can of these that are left in distress. It matters not with them who sinks just so they swim.

Sarah, I suspect I have written more on this subject than will interest you but it is something that ought not to go unnoticed and I merely want to give you my

opinion about all such men. It is not only my opinion but it is the opinion of the best men in the army and I care not who reads this for I can establish the facts.

Sarah, you said you thought you would not write to me when you did because you did not get one from me, heard we were moving and that was the reason you got none from me but you need not let that keep you from writing at any time for they will come to the regiment wherever it is and you don't know how much I would have been disappointed if you had failed to write. I have been getting your letters tolerably regular and I feel just like there is something the matter whenever I miss a week. You said you were in hopes I was coming home--the reason you failed. I am sorry you got disappointed but can't help it. I would be very glad if it were so I could come home but there is no chance now and I fear there will be no chance for me to come home unless my time is out and if I live. Don't grieve about me for it will do no good. You said if you just knew I would live to come home again you could give me up tolerably well till my time was out. It is with the Lord and he will do all things right. You said there was no other chance but a heap of hard fighting to be done and you expected I would have to do some of it and if I fall in the battlefield and never you never see me again what shall you do. If I fall in the field of battle I hope I will fall into the arms of a blessed [sweetness] when there will be no wars but a continual praise to God and aw to what you must do inquire of the Lord what you must do to be saved and he will direct your steps for he has promised if ye seek ye shall find and knock it shall be opened unto you and many other precious promises and I beseech you to seek the Lord, for ye know not the hour the Son of Man cometh. O my dear darling, if we never meet on earth I hope we will meet in heaven where there will be no sorrowing and crying but a continual happiness.

You said that you heard that Old Lady Richerson said she just came to stay till Spring to fool me. She may fool me and has but she will never fool old Master. The time is fast coming when she will have to account for all she says and does, I fear. She says more than she can prove about me but it doesn't hurt me it only hurts her. Don't you study about what she says about me for that will do no good and the time will come when all things will come to light and then it will be known who has done right. She has deceived me completely but if she [doesn't] mind she will deceive herself before she is many years older. If you haven't got any planter don't pay more than fifteen dollars for him and only buy a little to sow on the bottom to make hay. You wanted to know if I wanted the children to go to school. I want them to go to school badly and think you had better send them by the day and if she [doesn't] do well you can stop them. I want our children to have a good education if they never have anything else for I know how bad it is to be without [al]though I have a little myself. You said you did not expect I could read your letter. I never have been bothered to read your letters. I can read all the letters I can get to read. I have six on hand at this time to answer. You said you thought you got worse in waiting instead of improving. I think you have

improved a great deal, but don't spell very well--as well as myself. I have practice enough to write well, but have nothing to write on. Think if I live I will learn after awhile to write on my knee for it has got so it comes very natural to put my papers on my knee and a continual noise around me. Don't know how I write atall but I have got used to it. (illegible) . . . said Uncle Sam said I thought I could cook as well as you could. I think Uncle said that for me, for I would like to eat your cooking if I could and quit myself. I never [did] any cooking in Service until just before Uncle came out and then my mess was all sick but one or two and they cooked so bad I couldn't eat it. I put in to making up bread and baking it myself. They did not think I knew anything about cooking and when they came to find out, I could beat any of them cooking. I never let them find out I could cook till I was obliged to. Give my love to all and to Mah and all and to your Ma and all so I must close for want of room and time for it is so dark I can hardly see what I write.

Peter M. Wright

On August 13, 1862, in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II Peter Meador Wright wrote to Sarah Jane (Dearing) Wright:

"Orange Cty Va
August the 13th 1862

My dear wife, it is through the tender mercy of a kind Providence that I am blessed with the priviledge of droping you a few lines by which you will learn that I am well hopeing these few lines may find you all enjoying good health. I reached camp safe after a tire some march from Gortonsville (hole in paper) Madison Cty near Culpepper Court house ((where I)) found the Boys on monday evening and then turned and marched back monday night a bout 20 miles (hole) right tite with me after marching all day without any thing to eat only a little peace of cold corn bread and one little peace of fried ham which I paid 25 cts for and only had one meal the day before I could not get it walked three miles after thit and the Boys had nothing to give me the wagons had left and my next meal came last night so I only got one meal and a snack in th(hole) days and travailed and I thought the weather as as (hole) as I ever felt I know you had no idier I could (hole) now but I feel verry well this morning after (hole) beef and beef supe for supper and breakfast (hole) and geting a good nights sleep on the (hole) liveing verry hard now get no sugar (hole) little bacon and that cost from 35 to (hole) we get Crackers beef and flour is a bout all we can get our Regiment has been in another hard fight we lost 2 men out of our Company Albert Blankinship and Samuel Meador none wounded to hurt Lieu((tenant)) Jeter was killed and I feel verry sorry for ?anny for it is mighty hard on her James is well John O is not here he is at (hole) hospital I have just seen Joel he is well Ed Holdron is well we have 17 Men in our Company able for duty and there is but one Company that

has more for duty than we have in the Regiment they are most all sick and broke down together we are resting now but don't think we will rest long we gained a verry complete victoy in the fight though they made our Men run at first There force was to strong for what Men we had engaged but we reinforced untill they got a grubing They charged on our batterry but our Men stood there ground and they had to charge the other way we got a bout 7 hundred prisiners about one hundred of which was of officers I met them as I went on The Yankee force here as near as we can learn is a bout one hundred thousand ours is a bout half that number They ((s))ent a flag of truce in on monday to burry there dead and our Mean and theirs worked together all day Monday and some of the Cavaldry swoped horses our generals and theirs talked together I don't know what the loss was on either side our Men say the Yankee loss was three times as much as ours They helped to burry them and ought to know I must come to a close by ((as))king you to write soon and often

Peter M W

I wish you (hole) see Matthews and get me 10 or 12 lbs of good (hole) if it dont cost more that 50 cts (hole) be had here for less than one dollar a (hole) me 8 or 10 pligs the first chance give me love to all direct your letters to Gortonsville Orange Co Va.

Lieu P M Wright
58 Reg
Va Vols
Gortonsville
Orange Co Va"

On November 8, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Susan James Wright:

"Clark Co Va November the 8th 1862

Dear Mother

It is throug the tender mercy of a kind Providence that I am once more blessed with the priviledge of writeing you a few lines by which you will learn that I am well, save a bad Cough which I am geting better of, hopeing when this comes to hand it may find you with Brothers and Sisters in the enjoyment of health and the necessarys of life. I cannot begin to tell you what I have experienced since I saw you last, for it would take a right smart book to write it on we have gone through I suppose as much or more than any Soldier ever has that history gives any account of. we have fought 4 and 5 days in succession without drawing any thing to eat and through the Months of August and Sept we were under the Sound of canon or musket the larger portion of the time, and I have laid in line of battle 3 nights in succession and marched 2 makeing 5 nights hard runing in line

of battle and marching and not half enough to eat, and I thought it pretty hard times though I had Command of a Company and did not complain much. I got so I could Sleep and the Canon balls whisling all a round me. We waded the Potomac 4 times, besides a good many other large water Courses the effects of which I think I feel nearly evry day with Rhumatism, though I have not had them so bad but what I could travail, hope they wont get any worse than they have been, my hands has swelled a little several times and my limbs all hurt me, our Men are yet without Tents and some of them barefooted and allmost naked and it looks like they will never get shoes nor Clothes enough for them this winter, we had a right smart little snow yestirday but think it will melt today. we are makeing short moves every few days eating out the Country as we go, we get nothing to eat but flour Beef and a little Salt, unless we get it in the Country. I have to pay, 5 cts per pound for flour and, 15 for Beef, 6-1/4 for Salt, what we get out in the country cost us the following prices, Bacon none to be had, Pork, 50 cts per pound, Butter from, 75 cts to one dollar, and scarce, Sausage one dollar and 25 cts, apples from, 25 cts to one dollar per dozen according to qulity cider from 2 to 4 dollars per galon butter Milk $1.00 sweet Milk $2.00 honey 1.00 per pound, Cabage from 25 cts to one dollar per head, beets from 25 to 50 cts a peace these are the prices and you know we cannot afford to buy much at such prices. my Bord cost me a bout 20 dollars per month and my washing 25 cts a garment, and what little preaching I hear cost the Confederate States a bout 25 dollars a sermon and you may guess it dont suit me, & if I could only hear one good Baptist Sermon I would not give it for all we have put together. I fear things are going on badly with us in general, we are fighting for liberty, and I fear the yoke of bondage is fast approaching. though the Lord only knows what is to befall us, he says in his writeings that all things work together for good to those that love him, but do we love him, he says if ye love me keep my Commandments, and I for one fall fair short of that, though he says in an other place ye may know that ye have passed from death unto life because ye love the Brethren and that is cheering to me, for I feel like I love the Brethren and can enjoy myself with them more than any other people, but my paper is nearly full and I must change my subject, how is Grand Mah geting a long. tell her howdy for me is Stephen going to brakeup house keeping or not, or what does he intend, tell him to write to me, and what has become of Fanny, she use to write to me some times, but, of late I hear nothing from her, reckon She has forgotten me. I Saw Joel last Monday he was well James and Harvy Mc are well, give my love to Brothers and Sisters and all enquiring Friends if any and receive a kind Mothers portion for your self I must come to a close for want of time though my Letter is short and scatering. write soon, and excuse me for bad writeing for it is verry cold this morning in my Tent so nothing more only remain your most affectionate Son

P M Wright"

On December 10, 1862, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Caroline Co Va Dec 10th 1862

Dear Sister, I once more through the tender mercy of a kind Providence, write you a few lines, by which you will learn that I am well at present and hope when this comes to hand it may find you all enjoying the same blessing. I have writen to several of you, but get no answers, and, thought I would write one more to you, and, see if I could hear from you all once more I dont know whether my letters dont go, or, whether they arenot answerd, I have got no letter from home for 3 or 4 weeks dont know what is the matter fear you are all Sick or something the matter some way I heard yesterday you all had the diphteria, dont know whether it is so, also heard Stephen was Sick fear it is so, or I would hear something from you all, James and Harvy Mc are both well, the health of our Company is tolerable good at this time, we are quiet resting 5 miles from Guinea Station 7 miles from Port royal 50 miles from Richmond we have been here Several days, think we are just waiting for the Yankees to make a move some way, dont know what else, for we seldom stay at one place long as a week, we have but few tents not more than one to a Company, and that is not enough to do any good towards keeping Men out of the weather, we have a great many Men barefooted and nearly barefooted, and some of them nearly naked, dont see how Men stand it. the weather has been verry cold, for several days, and, some snow; think it has been a fine time for geting ice, hope you all have procured your house full, this spell, also, hope Sarah has got her house full, as, the weather has been so fine for it, the ice here has been 4 or 5 inches thick and the weather still cold. I hear no talk of us takeing winter quarters, think we have seen hard times and no prospect of geting bette, but, worse I am nearly barefooted and so is James, and no chance for Shoes here hope I will get some from home before before much longer and some Clothes as I am nearly without. John Crofford told me Stephen said he was comeing to see us in a Short time hope he will and bring my clothes, if Sarah has not had the chance of sending of them by some one else sooner. I would pay something right smart to have them, I am still acting Quarter master for our Regt. and have a tent to my self, and also a little stove in it, or I dont know how I should of made out for want of Shoes this cold Snowy weather, for I could not stand it so nigh barefooted I know, for I am considerably pestered with Rhumatis this fall any way, from so much exposure heretofore, and so many hard marches, but have been greatly favored for the last two months haveing none of it to do. I find it much easyer rideing than walking, dont know how much longer I wil continue as Quartermaster as I only expected to serve a few days when I took the place and have served over two months and the prospect better for me to continue now than then. hope I will get some Shoes before I quit, as I have served this long. James is driveing a wagon and has been for some time. it seems to suit him better than to stay with the

Company. give my love to Ma and tell her I have writen to her and received no answers also to Brothers and Sisters and all inquiring Friends if any. tell Sarah I have just writen to her but have goten no letters from her for some time, and, want to hear verry bad from home. direct your letter to Gunea Station Caroline Co. Va. please excuse bad writeing and mistakes as my paper is bad and ink and in a hurry. so nothing more only remain your Br

Peter M. Wright

please write soon and give me all the news"

On January 7, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Caroline Co. Va Jan the 7th 1863

My verry dear Sister, It is through the tender mercy of a kind providence that I am once more blessed with the priviledge of writeing you a few lines in answer to your verry kind and welcom letter of Dec 13th which found me well, and hope these few lines may find you all in the enjoyment of the beast of health. I have but little news to write evry thing being quiet at present. We have gone into winter quarters, where George left us 8 miles from Guinia Station and 8 miles from Portroyal. Hope the Yankees will let us a lone this winter as it is verry bad to be out of doors in cold weather. But if they can stand it we can too, is one comfort to us. We have fortified at Portroyal I think, sufficiently to whip any force the Enemy might bring against us at that place. The river is some half or 3 quarters of a mile wide there, dont think they will ever attempt to cross at that place. We go down there on picket and the Yankees on the other side of the Rapihanock and we on this side, dont pretend to fire on each other. Some of our Men and theirs has met half way the river and changed papers some few times. they say there will be no more fighting on the Rapihanock this winter, but reckon they are like myself know but little about it. Well Fanny you wanted to know how we was makeing out a bout something to eat. We get plenty of Flour and poor Beef, and some few times of late have gotten Pork. we also get some Salt. My Flour cost me 8 Cts per pound, Beef 15 Pork 40. We also have gotten a little Sugar twice. I got 3 lbs it cost 3 cts per pound. I live high now have wood spice tea, buiscuit, Beff, and Butter yet which Sarah sent me, and you have no Idier how I appreciate it, it does me good to eat it I scarce ever eat, but I think of the peace. that said and my Wife saved it for me, it had been so long since I had eaten any Butter, and wanted some so bad. O you have but little idier of the life of a Soldier. how dry and wearrysome it is. O that the War would sease to be, and peace and harmony take its place and dear ones return to there homes to lead a peaceable and quiet life. We have a good many Men barefooted yet, and no prospect of Shoes. And a good many of them is runing away and going

home, and there is a good many comeing back under guard, and, they are being Court Marshaled daily. I am appointe as one of the Court to sit without regard to days or hours until we get through, have served several days alredy and we have more cases on hand now than when we first began for they are daily comeing in, wish we could clear the Docket one time, and adjourn, for I take no plesure in punishing Men, and we are bound to do so, according to Law when we find them guity of violateing of the same. The punishment of some is tolerable heavy. The most of the Crimes is runing away. Well enough of this, how are you all geting along; have you been to see Harvy and how is his wound. __ he is doing well, how is Stephen, he never writes to me so as to hear a word from him. how are all of Brothers and Sisters at home; hope they are all geting a long well, as I hear but little from them, give my love to Grand Ma and Family, and tell her I wrote to her a few days since I also wrote to Sarah but have not heard a word from her since George left, hope they are all well, and, doing well, hope they havenot got the Hooping Cough I heard from Joel and Ruben Dearing yesturday they was both well Capt Dickerson was down here yesterday, This leaves me with Brother James well, he is nearly barefooted, and wants to come home verry bad but cant get off wish he could, give my love to Ma and Family allso to Brothers and Sisters, and all inquiring Friends if any such. The health of our Company is verry good at present I must close by asking you to excuse bad writing and mistakes as I have but little time, and have to write on my knee so nothing more at present only remain your most affectionate brother untill death

P M Wright

direct your letter to Guinia Station Caroline Co Va. write soon and give me all the news"

On February 7, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Caroline Co Va Feb 7th 1863

My verry dear Sister

I through the tender mercy of a kind Providence seat my self to write you a few lines by which you will learn that I am in tolerable good health at present and hope these few lines may find you all well, and geting a long well with your worldly business. I have but little news to write, every thing seems to be tolerable quiet at this time on the Rapihanock, we have had some rain and snow for the last 2 or 3 weeks and some verry cold weather, and the roads are quite bad and have been for some time. think they will have to improve a greateal before there is much done in the way of fighting. hope we will get to stay in our huts some time yet. The health of our Company is verry good at present, and in

fact the health of our army at this place is verry good and has been ever since we came down here. We get Flour; Beef, and some Pork, and, Bacon to eat I should of said Cow in stead of Beef though we are makeing out tolerable well. When we get Pork or Bacon they allow us one quarter of a pound to the Man per day, and one pound and eight of Flour. If you will try it you can tell exactly whether it is enough for a Man or not. As to my part I can buy as much Flour as I want at this time from the Government at 8 cts per pound, Pork 40 Beef 15, I have had butter to eat ever since George was here and have fattened on it, weigh one hundred and seventy five pounds, but my Butter is nearly gone and I hardly know what I shall do for more, to eat, for it is so good in Camp. It is verry scarce and high worth 2 dollars and 2.25 per pound. I will pay 2 dollars per pound for 5 or 6 lbs of nice Butter if i can get it, and glad of the chance now Well enough of this. James wishes me to write a little forhim as he has but little chance of late to write, he is still wagoning and some of our waginers being sick it makes quite hard on him, the roades are bad and forage to hall a long ways, and also provision to hall. he is geting a long verry well, received your letter in due time and would of answered it before now but has not had time has received one from Mary since yours, and answered it. The winter is the hardest part of the Wagoner's service, while we are stationed when there work is hardest ours is generally lightest, and when we are fighting they are generally doing nothing. I am glad Jame has got a wagon for the pay is better and the service not so dangerous, think he has done hard marching and fighting enough to get a little rest from it, as Furloughs has intirely gone out of fasion, and Married Men have to intirely give up there Familys, he wants to come home a while verry much, but it seems there is no chance for to come on honerable terms, and I dont think he wishes to come any other way. Tell Mary he is geting a long verry well but wants to see her verry much and make some arrangements for to assist her in geting a long. hope she is doing well, and bareing up under the dificuty with which she is surrounded O I long to see this terible war sease and loved ones return to their homes and live in peace and harmony. Well Fanny my paper is nearly full and I must come to a close James sends his love to you Ma and Grand Ma, and Family also my love to the same and all inquiring Friends if any such, we received the Cheese Mah sent and was thankful of it. write soon to I and James and let us know how the Children are geting with the Hooping cough also give us the news in general so nothing more only remain your Brother utill death

P M Wright"

On February 23, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/252 Green Dearing and Peter M. Wright, as administrator of the estate of Silas Dearing, purchased 187 acres of land from Wm. V. Jordan, Alexander Jordan, Wm. G. Claytor and Mary P. Claytor, Andrew L. Boyd and Ann E. Boyd.

On March 2, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/217 Peter M. Wright appointed Joseph W. Mays his attorney in fact to sell the slaves and personal property of the estate of Silas Dearing:

> "Know all men by these presents that I Peter M Wright of the County of Bedford Va being one of the administrators of Silas Dearing dcd & having been one of the Commisioners appointed by the County Court of Bedford to sell certain tracts of land belonging to the estate of the said Silas Dearing, have made and appointed & by these presents do appoint Joseph W Mays of the County & State aforesaid my lawful attorney for me and in my name and stead to sell the lands named in said decree also the slaves & such other personal poperty as he may deem adviseable and for me and in my name as commisioner to make execute, acknowledge and deliver to the purchasers thereof good and sufficient deeds for the same, giveing to my said attorney full power to do any and every act whatever necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to every intent as I might or could do were I personally present acting. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 2nd day of March in the year 1863
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> Peter M Wright
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> County of Caroline to wit
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> I John H De Jainett a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do certify that Peter M Wright whose name is signed to writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of March 1863 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 2nd March 1863
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> J H De Jainett J.P.
>
> In Bedford County Court Clerks Office March the 23rd 1863
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> This power of Attorney from Peter M Wright to Joseph W Mays was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record
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> Teste
> A A Arthur CBC"

On March 4, 1863, Peter Meador Wright wrote the following letter to his wife Sarah, transcribed in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II To His Wife Sarah During The War Between The States 1862 To 1864:

"Caroline Co., Va.
March 4th, 1863

My very dear and loving wife,

I, through the tender mercy of a kind Providence, take my pen in hand this blustery morning to write you a few lines and to answer one of your letters of February 8th which has a few days since come to hand. Got no letter from you the last mail, the [wagons] failed to come on account of a bridge that was injured by high water between here and Richmond, though they are coming through now again, and I expect there is a letter at Guiney's Station but our regiment left this place yesterday morning to go to or near Fredericksburg, and the roads are so bad they only took part of our baggage and they left the balance here and 18 men under my charge to guard it until the wagons could return and get it. I look for them tomorrow and then I go too. You will still direct your letters to Guineys Station. Don't know whether there are any quarters where we go or not, I think this year's campaign is about commencing anyway and I rather dread it. (illegible) . . . to be my happy lot in such times of trouble. The health of our company is very good at this time, and they all look well. I am well and still fattening. Hoping these few lines may find you all enjoying the same good blessing. Wm. West and Van got a box from home of provisions about a week since which I have enjoyed myself finely in eating of. They got a little of a heap of things and a good deal of sausage and you know I dearly love that. I mess with Wm., Van, John Simon and James Horn and we all partake of each others good things that come from home. I do the buying, such things as we can get and they do the work which suits all around. When their box came what butter I had on hand was about gone which had sold at $2.25 cheaper. Sarah, you wrote for me to see if Charley wouldn't let you have his cups and saucers. He says he wouldn't part from them upon (any) terms. I have tried my best to get them and the boys plague him about them but he won't agree to let them go and there is none to be had in the country. Don't know what you will do. You also wrote for Nanny's letter if I had it. I have burned it up. I am afraid to keep letters on hand long for fear of some accident and don't wish for them to fall into the hands of the public and for that reason I burn them. Wish you had hers for it was a beautiful letter and I could not read it without shedding tears. Oh, I felt for her, for I think it hard enough to be parted from you in health and some hope of returning, and know it is nothing to a final separation on earth . . . knowing there is no chance to meet on earth but the final doom is sealed never to return. Oh, we may imagine it hard but nothing compared with reality felt, to know they are gone to a world unknown to us never to return, but there [to] find destiny sealed. Oh, Sarah, in speaking of this night here a word to you. If it should be my unhappy lot to never see you on earth again, but to fall a victim to death on the battle field where am I to go and are you to follow or not? And we know if we are only prepared it will be well with us when we are done on earth and will meet

again. Then why should we be so careless and unconcerned about our condition? Do we not love each other dearly and desire each others welfare? I answer yes, but it is a little more sleep and a little more slumber and then time enough. Yet we know not the hour the Strong Man cometh. If we knew we would watch. But then we know now; therefore let us be up and doing and lay hold on the precious promises of Christ and believe in him and he will save us in the time to come. He says come all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Is not that enough without anymore promises for us to come to Him? But he goes farther and says, Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and my burden light. Oh, what a precious thought to know he is able to save in our hour of death to take our spirits to rest with Him eternily in the heavens. Oh, that I could only love Him as I ought and praise him while I live. Well, I must change my subject, my paper being nearly full. You said in your letter we had four young lambs and a calf at home. I was glad to hear you had saved them all. Hope [you] have good luck as they are very profitable. No, I have not heard from Joel and Bob for some time. They are not close to us. Haven't heard from John since Christmas. He was at Richmond, then getting nearly well. James was well yesterday morning, also Ed Holdron. Don't know when James will get to come home whether at all or not to bring me abox. If you get the chance to send me a box I want some good ham for one thing and some sage and anything else you please to send. If you don't get the chance to send before long you had better not send at all for with such uncertainty as to where I'll be. I must come to a close by sending my love to all and a portion for yourself. Love for this time.

P. M. Wright"

On March 13, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Spotsylvania Co. Va March 13th 1863

My dear Sister

I take my pen in hand this morning to answer your letter of Feb 23 which I received in due time, and was verry glad to hear from you all, and hear you was all well I have no news of importance to write you, but Jack and Stephen being here I though I would try and write you a few lines any how to let you know that I have not forgotten you all, and desire verry much to receive letters from any of my Brothers or Sisters, that feel disposed to write to me though sometime I am compelled to delay answering some little time on account of different things, for which I think my self verry excuseable, for I am under military authority, and, bound as a Soldier in discharge of my dutys to attend to the calls of my office. I am thankful that I can say to you this morning through the tender mercy of a kind

Providence that I am enjoying of good health and hope these few lines may find you all enjoying the same good blessing. You said in your letter that Ma sent me some things by Stephen and he did not get them fairther than Joel, he told me of it and said Ma seemed verry anxious for us to have something from home. I have been of late liveing verry well Wm West and Van got a verry valuable box from home 2 or 3 weeks since and I have shared with them and enjoyed myself verry much in so doing I thank Ma for her kindness and would be verry much pleased to get a box from home any time that an opportunity may afford. don't wish forher to put her self to any trouble for I am not suffering weigh 175 lbs

The health of our Company is verry good and has been all winter, hope it may continue, for we have got a great foe to contend with, and to conquer, or be eternially ruined. I hope they may soon conclude to let us a lone, and acknowledg our independance, though the prospect for speedy peace seems verry gloomy, it appears that the North is makeing evry preperation for another Summers Campaign, and I rather dread it. I sometimes think I certainly cant escape much longer. I have been greatly blessed so fair, for which I feel thankful to my maker forhis mercy to ward me in spareing my life and limbs from the deadly blows of Cannon and musket ball's Well I had but a few minutes to write and I must make short meter of my scrible, as Joel and Stephen can give you the news in general. I wrote to Sarah 2 or 3 days since and have not time to write to her now and I intended to have writen to her to knit me a pare of Suspenders as soon as convenient and I always forget it when writeing to her, wish you would tell her when you see her. give my love to all inquiring Friends if there be any such, and particularly to Grand Ma and write often and give me all the news as I am verry fond of reading your letters. my love to Ma and all my Brothers and Sisters, and a Sisters portion for your self. please excuse bad wrteing and Spelling and all mistakes, may the bessings of God rest with you all now and for ever is my earnest Prear for Christ sake

P M Wright"

On April 25, 1863, Peter Meador Wright wrote another letter to his wife Sarah, also transcribed in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II:

"Camp near Hamilton Crossing,
April 25th 1863

My verry dear Sarah,

I received your verry kind and welcome Ltter of the 19th which came to hand yesterday by Col Kasey and found me well, and hope these few lines may reach you in due time and find you all in good health, and doing well, you said you failed to get a letter from me the last mail, There is one on the road for you and

behind time or you would of gotten one I received my Shirts and Sage you sent by LT Bradly and are verry proud of them, for my old ones was intirely rotten and giveing out, I am verry much pleased with them, they are checked just right and the right color. The ___ are a bout one inch too large, but I just took off the buttons and moved them a bout one inch which does verry well, and my sage come in good as our Mess was nearly out. Harvy Mc got a box, him and some of his Company of provision, and they sent for me to dine with them last night and I did so, and thought I got a mighty good supper and Harvy brought me a bout 2 lbs of ham and give to me, and I tell you it is mighty good, it dont eat like the strong and sour Bacon we get here. That fairly makes the Spider stink when we are frying it, and cant eat it boiled at all, though we are use to it, and can do verry well while in good health, suppose it sours from want of salt and cureing, well enough of this, I wrote you a letter some 2 or 3 weeks since concerning paying lemon, and stated that I beleaved the time was close at hand when Money would be of more value and every thing come down lower, so that debts would be harder to pay, and the time is almost or quite here. I will send you a tax bill in this letter that will soon accomplish just what I have said would come to pass, you can read it and if you don't understand it, I will assure you Fannie can explain it to you I have writen Jo and Eliza a letter about the Money and think perhaps I will put them to there studdys, for they are undoubtly rong in there views to me, and I think my letter to them will convince them. I don't wish to do rong, nor hurt there feelings but they must receive the money, or do no better than to receive it, for it is right, or there is a heap of people rong one it is verry evident if the majority of People be bound to receive it for there hard earnings and prices fixed for them that a majority should not say I will rule you down for I have the advantage and will not do anythings to wards my Country's cause I am not interested for I am protected, and my property. I will make my jack now, this is the view men take of it, that's in the field, and our Generals look upon it in the same way and inforce it where ever they go. They consider Men refuseing our money an enemy to our cause, and treat them as such Well enough of this you said I must excuse you for bad writeing as you had been siting up with Stephen the night before, and felt badly, you are very excusible, it was no trouble to me to read, can read all such as many as you can wrte and glad to get them, so you need not make any apoligy for bad writeing you have improved greatly in the last twelve Months, you do not spell well, and neither do I and get worse in writeing haveing to write all the time on my knee, and in a hurry, but enough of this, I am verry sorry to hear Stephen is so sick, hope though he will recover and it may prove a warning to him as it did to me I was verry glad West got home for he is a good Boy and I thought he ought to go, I wrote to Joel yesterday and I have just received a letter from Ed Dearing since I commenced this he is well. You wanted to know if James had quit wagoning and the cause, he quit for a few days, our transportation being less and he had no teem to drive here, but has gone since to driveing a division teem, I haven't seen him for several days, is some 2 or 3 miles from us You said you had heard Wm. Grayham was ded we

have heard the same for some time, but hope it is not so, as we have never been noticed of his death from the Hospital which is there duty to do, and always have with those that have died here to fore, Well my paper is nearly full and I must close, you said I must not get out of heart and try and come home and see Stephen and the rest, it would be no excuse atall but little would they notice such a thing as an excuse we have hard harted Men to deal with, give my love to all that my inquire, so I must close for this time by assigning my self your most trusty and beast friend untill death

P M Wright
to his dear S J Wright"

On May 22, 1863, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp near Hamilton Crossing May 22th 1863

Dear Sister,

Through the tender mercy of a kind Providence I am blessed with the priviledge of responding to your verry kind and welcum letter of April 22th I am thankful to say to you this morning that I am in comon health, and hope this scrible may reach you in due time and find you well ____ and Family in good health; and, geting along well, I have but little news to write you this morning every thing being quiet here, we have had quite a hard time since I last wrote you, but I have written to Julia, Sarah, and Nanny, since, and you have heard all about it ere this, the health of my little Band at this time is tolerable good, have not seen James, for several days; have a letter for him that I think is from you, but have not broken it open for fear I am mistaken Harvey Mc. is well and your acquaintances in general here are in good health, Wm D West I learn is at home, he left here Sick before the Fight to go to Hospital, suppose he got a transfer to Liberty, and then a furlough, hope he is doing well how is Stephen geting along, hope he has recovered his usual health. and may it be the means of bringing him to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ, and may he be able to say with the Prodigal, Affliction though they seem severe, In mercy oft are sent, They stoped the Prodigals career, And caused him to repent. Oh that my Brothers were Christians, and I could have there Prears to assist me in my weakness, these times of trouble, to help in asking deliverance from our present condition, and to restore us to peace and hapiness, But dear Sister while I am deprived of that blessing, I feel thankful that I have a Christian Mother, and hope that I have all christian Sisters to aid in the condition of our Country, and to assist me on my feble petitions to ask God for deliverance from this terrible war, and that I may be able to reach my little Band safe and sound at home and learn ware no more, Oh the times seems long since I was at home, but it has been

much longer since James saw his little gang, and no prospect of seeing them soon, I feel thankful that it is no worse with me that it is, Well Fannie James has just come up, and read your letter says he will answer it soon, he is well and sends his love, I have received no letter for the 2 past Chamblissburg mail, and the time seems long, you have no idea how bad I want a letter from home, had been geting letters regular before, and some times 2 or 3 from the neighborhood, and I begin to feel somewhat desolate, hope there is nothing the matter only failed to come to hand in due time; hope I will get one tomorrow or next day I wrote to Lemon, and, Eliza a good while since about the money I owed them and feel verry anxious to hear from them, well my paper is about full and I must close for want of room, give my love to all and write soon. I will have to tell you to direct your letters to P. M. Wright Capt, instead of Lt."

On November 17, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Orange Co. Va Nov 17th 1863

Dear Sister,

Through the tender mercy of God I again seat myself to answer your verry kind and welcom letter of Nov. the 4th which I was glad to hear you were all well, And this leaves me in common health, hopeing it may reach you in due time, and find you all in the enjoyment of good health and doing well. I have but little news to write you at this time, evry thing being quiet, this morning, along the Rapidan I expected yesturday to have gotten a letter from Sarah, but failed, think there must be one on the road for me as She never misses a week writeing to me. Hope all is well at home, and some one is comeing from there to us is the reason I got no letter, and I thought I would write to you this morning, and Sarah would hear from me through your letter, if I sould fail writing in time for Tuesdays mail to her. I received a letter from Uncle Joseph P. Wright yesturday morning, feel sorry for him, haveing such bad luck. Think it must be hard to have such a loss, at such a time as this, when evry thing is so scarce, hope he may find the Purpetrator or trators. Think it the duty of the Neighborhood, to assist in their arrest, for such Men ought not to escape justice. A Man that would commit such depridations, is certainly mean enough to do any thing Well enough of this, the Bandy Boys reached me a few days since, and I now have them under Guard, waiting a Court marshal. They cant look at me, when I ask them why they did not come with me, and be cleared of their punishment for deserting, all they will say, is, they ought to have come There case now is going to be, I think some what criticle hope though the Court will be as light with them as possible and then it will be bad enough. Well the health of my Company is only tolerable at this time. James N. W was well a few days since. Harvy Mc is well also. I have been trying for a furlow for James for some time, but it seems that I am never to

get one, there is only one to go out of evry hundred Men. I think there is a bout 4 to go out of the Regt that has been from home longer than he has, hope they will improve the furough sistem as soon as the weather gets a little bad, so the yankees cant advance The weather is the fineest I almost ever saw for the time of year. Well you said you received the song ballad I sent you, but never had heard it sung. Mrs. John Kasey knows the tune, and if you will learn it from her, you will learn it the tune I think prettiest. Wish I could of been at the Funeral of Grand Ma and Aunt Jane, for I want to hear Craft prech quite badly. You wrote in your letter, that he would prech at +roads the 2th Sunday in Dec. and hoped I might be there. I wish I could, but think my chance bad, to get home that soon. Think if I have no bad luck, I will be verry apt to get home, between this and Spring. I have 3 Lt. which ought to make my chance verry good to get home. Lt. Walrond is now at home on Furlough, and as soon as he returns, I want Lt. James to go, and then I think my chance tolerable good, to come home. Oh I wish this war would terminate soon, and all return to their Families and Friends. But the prospect seems gloomy for peace soon. I see nothing like peace, at the present; evry thing bids fair for the war to continue. I belive this little Confederacy is almost fighting the world any how. At least England furnishes the North with Men, for we get Prisiners that is just from there. They say they are hired to fight, and cant make a liveing where they are, so they are compelled to cross the water to live. Well my paper is nearly full and I must come to a close. Give my love to all who may inquire if any such. Tell Julia and Billy to write to me and let me hear how they are geting along. My love to Ma and Family. write soon and give me all the news. tell Stephen I never hear from him, only through others. So nothing more only remain your most affectionate Brother,

P. M. W"

On December 17, 1863, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Orange Co Va Dec 17th 1863

Dear Sister,

I received your verry kind and welcom letter of Nov 26th in due time, and after some delay, through the tender mercy of God, I seat myself to answer It found me with quite a bad cold if I mistake not, and laying in line of battle about 10 miles from this place, and the weather extremely cold. We suffered considerably with cold, but had verry little fighting which suted us extremely well. We lay in line of battle near 24 hours without fire; and a great many had neither Overcoats nor blankets. You may guess they suffered considerably. I had quite a severe cold and cough, which held me untill a few days since. But I am thankful to say to you that my health is now good, and hope this scrible, may reach you in due

time and find you all in good health. The health of my Company is verry good at present. Samuell L. Bandy died the 21 Nov. was never well after he reached the Company. Think he catched his death by his own bad conduct. It seems there is no use to try to shun balls, for there are other ways for Men to die. The Lord giveth, and the Lord takeeth away, and blessed is the name of the Lord. This ware is truely the trying of Men. It sound's them to the bottom. And we see nothing scarcely but corruption. I sometims fear we are done with peace, in the present generation. And a gain I think all is right and will work good for us. The Lord only knows our condition, and will relieve us in due time Times are truely dark to me, and I se no way for peace on Earth. It is evry thing with us but peace, and I feel wearry of our condition. The prices of subsistance is truely allarming, And I fear scarcity is one great cause, as well as our Currency. Well enough of this I received a letter from Sister Marry a few days since. They were all well. I also received a letter this morning from Ann Stateing Harvy had gotten to Liberty, hope he will get home. I sent out a furlough for James M Wright Yesturday morning, he will get home in a few days, if nothing happens more than I now know. I feel some what rejoiced to think I can get him off home, for he has been a way so long. Tell Julia I have not received that letter She spake of writeing yet. Suppose it has been miscarrid and She must write a gain. Think the next one she writes will come safe. Well Fannie Sarah wrote to me you had commenced teaching school, which I was proud to hear, my Children (Marry and Sam) are to large for the education they have, hope they can continue going for a considerable time, for I want them to have an education if nothing else. I feel the need of one almost daily. Want them to be shure and learn to spell well It is one thing I need verry much. I quit the dictionary to quick. Well I must tell you we have good winter quarters if we have the luck to stay in them which I hope we will. Well Fannie my box has not come yet, think I have the luck to loose. Think Lt. Walrond acted a little shabby in leaveing it after promiseing to se it through, there was nothing to of hindered him from staying with it. Well I must come to a close by asking you to write often and give me all the news. Give my love to all who may inquire if any such. My respects to Ma and Family, also Julia and Billy. Tell them to send me something good to eat and drink the first chance. hope to see you all before long or at least this winter, so nothing more only remain your affectionate Brother

P. M. W."

On January 25, 1864, Peter Meador Wright wrote another letter to his wife Sarah, also transcribed in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II:

"Monday Morning
January 25th, 1864

Dear Sarah,

Through the tender mercy of God, I sat myself this morning to write you a few lines by which you will learn that I am in common health, and hope this may reach you in due time and find you all enjoying a like blessing. I have no news of interest to write you, but I am looking every minute for the mail to come in, and a letter from you, and thought as I had the opportunity I would commence writing you a long letter. And I am fond of receiving such from you. The health of my Company is very good. I saw James [M. Dearing] [this] evening, he was well. Well Sarah I heard that Mary Dearing and Gill Wheeler [were] going to Marry. Can it be so? Think all the children had better marry and be done with it. Think they are making a fine start for it. I hear of a wedding every few days, and the most of them [are] Boys about 18 years of age! I think this is no time for children to marry. It is a serious matter for those that have a little age on their side? The way times are now, I fear many of them will learn a lesson after it is entirely too late. They think there is nothing to do but to marry, and they will soon learn that very thing else ought to have been done but that. We have hard times now, and it is evident that the worst has not come. There are many, and very many in my judgment [are] to suffer before the close of another year. Then why not stay in the best possible condition to meet such times. I am no prophet but it is certain to come, mark what I say. There will many suffer with hunger, and perhaps some starve before the close of another year. It may not be immediately in our Neighborhood but in our midst. The time is ripening, in my opinion, fast when this war must cease to be. I think it must come to a close soon, though times seem dark and gloomy, though every thing seems to be preparing for its continuance for a considerable time; but in my opinion all that live twelve months from the (illegible) will know how it is to go. They will know us then we (illegible).

You are my earthly happiness, and none [other] can suffice. I think of your kindness, your effort to render me happy, and how do I bear it? Hard it is but I can't help myself. I grieve at the very thoughts but it does no good! I hope to survive the war and render you happy; my prayer is for you and my [dear] children that you all may be happy, all wary . . .

Well Sarah I have just received a letter from you of date the 20th which I am glad to hear from you all, and hear you are well. I [said] when I commenced writing I would get one in a few minutes to answer (illegible). Well you said Uncle Wright was married. I think he has acted very strange about it some way. Think if it had [of been] in the place of his wife, I would [have] kicked him so far he never would [have] came to have seen me again. But I suppose she was too anxious for that. Well, from what I have learned about Stephen's wife [it seems] he has got a fine

woman this time. Hope he has and they may render each other happy. Well, you wrote about [Duck] and Gill--it is no secret here. I had just spoke[n] of it in the letter. I hope (illegible) would be little trouble to map. They are both very young, and foolish. They know not what is before them, and from what I have heard of him suppose he but little cares. I don't see how he is keeping out of service, carrying of the mail as he is doing will not keep him out, if some one would attend to it. Think it would be a good deal if some one would attend to his case, and change his position. Well, I hear that Jo Hardy and his Lady [have] fallen out a'ready. Think he must not please her very well somehow, or they would not fall out so soon. Hope it is not correct but it is no more than I expected if it is so, for I knew that both would want the britches and both tolerably spunky [are] the reason[s] I thought so. Well enough of the weddings. You said you could get no planter. I had heard (illegible) there, we can do without it. You spoke of my shoes being too short and hurting my feet and wanted to have me another pair made and send to me. If you have not had them made before you get this letter, don't get it done. One of them is nipping and and I think perhaps I can get home before long and I will try and see if they can't put in a few more pegs in these shoes. They are too stingy to do their duty on a Soldier's shoes. I wrote plain enough to Cal Smith to make them so they couldn't [tear] and he only put one row of pegs in them. He is a little too hard of understanding to me. Think if I get the chance to talk to him I can make him understand me. I am going to send [for a furlough] before long and think I will get it if nothing happens more than is now. Know if (illegible) it will send the measure of my foot to you between this and Spring. Think I will get home between this and the last part of next month, but don't look for me, for I may fail. So I must bring my few scattering remarks to a close, my love to all I send, but to you feel inclined to bend, so goodbye for the present

P. M. Wright
to his lovely S. J."

On ____ 18, 1864, Peter Meador Wright wrote another letter to his wife Sarah, also transcribed in Letters From Peter Meador Wright II:

"Orange Co Va Friday the 18th-1864

Dear Sarah,

Through the kind mercies of almighty God, I embrace the prest ((present?)) as a favorable opportunity, of droping you a few lines, by which you will learn that I am well at present, and, hope this may find you all enjoying good health, I have no letter from you to answer, it being a little too soon for weekly mail, but thought as Citty was going to start home to morrow morning, I must write my bosom friend a few lines any how, Sunday and monday is the time for me to get letters from you,

and I expect to go on picket to morrow morning and will not get back to Camp untill monday evening, And I am glad it is my time so I will not have to see that Man Shot to morrow, in our Regiment, I wrote to you about it in my last letter I have no news of interest to write you every thing being quiet here, The weather is very nice but quite winday today, looks something like March, Well I have nearly eat my ham of meet, that I brought with me from home, and it is mighty good, I have the peace of shoulder yet and the ham Julia sent me, have bought no meat since I came from home, There was a law passed, for Officers to draw one ration per day what the Men got, and not allowed to buy any, and it caused such a row that we are still buying as we did before, to see if Congress wont allow us to by one ration, and draw one, I am perfectly easy myself, I think I can stand any thing the rest can The rations are verry light that we now get, Think I can make out verry well while we remain in Camp, with the start I have from home, we are geting mostly corn bread to eat O I wish this cruel war would close so I could get home to stay with you, My life is no pleasure to me here, when I think how my time is passing it greaves my verry heart I am intirely destitute of all earthly pleasures, and the presence of those I hold so dear, I look at your ring and it freshens the feeling of the parting kiss, I sometimes almost wish I had left it with you, I never glance my eye on it, but what it brings forth sollem thoughts, It (hole in paper) like you ought to be present with me, Some of the Boys wanted to take it off my finger to look at, but I refused them, it appears to me that no amount of money would induce me to let it be taken off my finger Unless my mind changes it will never come off my finger while I live only by you takeing it off, I had no idier it would ever had the impression on my mind it has. O I wish I was near enough to you now, for you to take the ring and me never to leave you on earth, I want to see you quite bad and the Children, but I have no Idier of seeing you soon if health lasts, I think we will have fighting to do this year, and I hope it ((will be the last?)) O if I can only escape this year, I think I will see the war close, Well I must bring my letter to a close for want of time, hope the Children is going to school yet and learning fast give them my love and tell them I want to see them, also my love to George, Melia, and Bob, and all who may inquire, So I must close by assigning myself your most affectionate husband

P M Wright

The following was composed by Peter M. Wright, Capt., Virginia Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, at a camp near Summersville, March 10, 1864 and sent to his wife, Sarah.

My dearest dear, the time has been
When pleasure we have seen;
But war did come, and I did run,
And bitter is the sting.

In eighteen hundred and sixty-one,
At Stewartsville I begun,
A soldiers life it was my lot,
My troubles since I've not forgot.

To Staunton next I did go
My musket next all well know;
Drilling next was on hand
The manual of arms to understand.

The next year comes in sixty-two.
The Valley the Yankees covered blue,
From Shenandoah we did retreat
At Valley Mills we took our seat.

But Valley Mills that would not do,
For McDowell's hills were covered blue.
The Yankees there we did pursue
And fought them hard for victory, too.

And Victory there we did gain
By heavy loss and much pain;
The balls did fall, thick like hail
And made me feel, Oh! how frail.

The Lord it was that saved me there
While many musket balls did tear,
The reason why I dare not ask;
The Lord he knows and does his best.

From thence to Front Royal we went
And made the Yankees run full bent.
On Sunday morning commenced their warning
And Sunday evening found them leaving.

To Harpers Ferry, then they said,
We'll give the rebels a dying bed.
But Harpers Ferry would not do
Maryland we'll cover blue.

So Jackson about faced his men
And Strausburg next he did attend;
The Yankees thought to cut us off
And make our lot not so soft.

But to their surprise
Jackson had two good eyes;
He saw his force was too weak,
And up the Valley we did creep.

Next to Harrisonburg we went
The Yankees after us full bent;
Then we stopped, and made a stand
And fought them on that pretty land.

To Crosskeys next we went
Cannon and musket balls we sent
To clear the bridge of Yankee's blue
So our army could get through.

Across the bridge we did succeed,
Jackson, there took the lead,
The next thing then, was on hand
To burn the bridge and part their band.

The bridge was burned as all may see,
And Jackson's men in part set free,
The Yankees though, not satisfied,
Fought Ewell with their parted tribe.

On Monday morning the fight commenced
At Port Republic, near the fence.
The fight proved very hard
A Yankee battery we did charge.

A victory there we did gain
By many dying in much pain;
The Yankees found it would not do
Back down the Valley went their crew.

My travels have been thus you see,
To the ninth of June, sixty-two (three?)
Though merely a sketch I have given
Part of the time I hardly lived.

Oh, this cruel war, you all see,
What a trouble it has brought on me;
Though many have suffered more than I
For on the field they've had to die.

My lot next may be cast
With those before me gone to rest;
If my lot this should be
My dearest dear, don't grieve for me."

On March 14, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Orange Co. Va March 14 64

Dear Sister,

Through the tender mercy of God, I embrace the present opportunity of droping you a few lines by which you will learn that I am in Comon health at present, And hope this scrible may reach you in due time and find you with Ma and Family well. James was here day before yesturday and is well. The health of my Company is verry good, have 38 Men present for duty. Every thing is quiet along the line here, and weather some what changeable, but tolerable good for March. Well Fannie there is a young Man in our Regt is to be Shot next Saturday for Desertion. He belongs to Company (F) his native Co. is Amherst, belongs to an Amherst Company, well I had forgotten to say to you Harvy Mc is well. Well how are the Substitute Men comeing out. Is any of them geting off. Think the most of them will have to go. I hear there has verry few gotten off where the Bord of examiners has gone. Well I reckon People are very forward with their work, as the winter has been so fine, has been a fine time for gardning. This weather makes me crave home; think I could stay their satisfied no matter how hard I had to work Had rather be a Farmer than a Soldier O" this cruel war, is there to be an end; and, when will it come; Three years is near gone; and, no safe calculation can be made. But I have strong hopes this is the last year, but not by judgeing the future, by the past, only hopeing something may occur to bring it to a close. I am tired and sick of it, but not out of heart. Think our cause is just, and all will come out right in the end, though hard it seems, now, to be. The spirits of the Army is much better, than the Citisens Well Fannie Sarahs last letter made me almost sick. Said you spoke of quiting your school in the course of two weeks. It was mortifying news to me. My Children seemed to be doing so well, and I feel so anxious for them to get an education. I hope you will conclude to continue, any how till havest, and then you have a recess untill the first Sept Sarah did not say for what cause you spoke of quiting for, but I know your price is to low, and if you wish to raise it, Just set a time and keep teaching. I know the way our Currency is, it is poor encouragement for you to teach, But a school is so much kneeded, and teachers that are fit to send Children to is scarce. I had rather pay you double than my Children should stop at what they are, dont think I am flattering you, but continue your School and time will prove for its self. Well I feel verry sorry for Uncle Jo think he has mighty bad luck think if it was my

case, I would dispose of all my Negroes. If accounts be true they must know something about the way his kitchen was fired. well Fannie the Drum has beat for Drill and I must quit. my love to all, write soon so I must close good by for the present

P. M. Wright"

On March 29, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"tuesday March 29th 1864

My verry dear Sister,

Through the tender mercy of allmighty God, I again seat myself to drop you a few lines by which you will learn, that I am in common health at present, and hope this may reach you in due time and find you with, Ma and family enjoying the best of health. I received yours of the 23th inst Sunday last. Was glad to hear from you all, and learn you were well. You spoke of the Substitute Men, all trying to get details. That is no more than I expected. But I was verry much surprised to hear Wm Basham, failed to get off. I counted him shure of exemption from military duty. Equity and justice certainly does not, prevail their, if I have been rightly informed. I learn that Bob Beard, got off on haveing the breast complaint. I mean mountain Bob He was a great Secessionist, and fighting Man in Sixty one. And then in our part of the country, if we hapend to cross over by stout Man, in speaking of this we would say, he is a verry stout Man, nearly as stout as mountain Bob Beard. The People did not only call him stout, but he called himself stout. If such Men had the ordacity, to face the Enimy in the field, as they have to face a Medical board to claim exemption, one Man would be a full teem by hisself. Where are all of our noble patriotic Men, we had in sixty one. Our Strong Secessionist and noble fighting Men? Whose noble patriotic spirit, would not suffer the Public foe to invade Southern soil; have they all rushed to the mouth of the Enemy's guns, and been swept from Earthly existance by their noted bravery. If they have, history has failed to account for them. Their are more here. They certainly cant be at home Well I have told you history fails to account, for our noble leading secessionist of sixty one, and their is none here. And such Men certainly cant beat home. Well I suppose you will want to know what has become of them. They are gone like Sam went. When they lived, they lived in clover. And now they have died, they have died all over. Well you see they have died without reputation, is the reason history fails to account for them. Well enough. The health of my Company is verry good, and considerably increasing in number. Have several Recruits recently. Have not seen James M. for several days, was well when I saw him. Harvy Mc is well and hearty. Well Fannie in regards to you teaching, an other school I do not wish you to injure

your health, but if you think you can stand it, I feel more than anxious you should teach. I think your propositions intirely fair I am perfectly willing to pay you Eight dollars per month for each scholar, and send all I posibly can. Think the Neighbours are standing in their own light, if they fail to make you a shool. The most of their Children, are like mine in education. Verry little, and schooling badly kneeded. They had better pay two prices for a good teacher, than to send to a sorry one free of charge. I hope they will consider their own interest and make you a school at once. Your offer is as fair as they could posibly ask. I think I can make out four regular schollars, with health, and James ought to do the same, which would be a considerable start for a school. Well my sheat is nearly full, and I must bring my imperfect letter to a close Please excuse bad spelling and writing I will say to you it has commenced raining and the weather has been tolerable rough for some time. Give my love to Ma Brothers and Sisters, and any who may inquire, and a Brothers portion for yourself. so I must close by asking you to write soon adieu

P. M. Wright"

On May 24, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/500 Peter M. Wright and Green Dearing, as commissioners, sold 187-1/2 acres of land to George Dunsmore:

"This Deed made this 24th day of May Eighteen hundred and Sixty four, between Green Dearing and Peter M Wright Commissioners acting under a decree of the County Court of Bedford County rendered at the June term 1863 in the Case of Green Dearing, Peter M Wright and others plaintiffs, & Polly Dearing and others defendants of the one part, and George Dunsmore of the other part. Whereas the said George Dunsmore did purchase of the said Green Dearing and Peter M Wright Commissioners in the Said Cause, a tract of land belonging to the estate of Silas Dearing deceased lying in the County of Bedford Containing one hundred and eighty Seven and a half Acres (187-1/2) for which he has paid all the purchase money, and the said Green Dearing and Peter M Wright, being directed by the decree herein above mentioned to Convey the Said land to the Said George Dunsmore when all the purchase money was paid. Now therefore this Deed, Witnesseth, that the said Green Dearing and Peter M Wright acting as Commissioners as aforesaid, in Consideration of all the purchase money having been paid to them by the said George Dunsmore, to Wit, $1809:37-1/2¢ to grant unto the Said George Dunsmore With Special Warranty the Said tract of land Containing as aforesaid (87-1/2) acres and known as the Nelson tract

Witness the following Signatures and Seals

Peter M Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's office the 24th day of May 1864

This deed from Green Dearing and Peter M. Wright Commissioners to George Dunsmore, Conveying real estate, was produced in the Said office, acknowledged by the Said Green Dearing and the Said Peter M Wright and admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On February 14, 1865, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Peter Meador Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright:

"Mrs. Susan Wright
Chamblissburg
Bedford Co. Va
Per flag of truce

Officers Barracks Fort Delaware Division 34 Feb 14th 1865

My verry dear Mother.

I received your verry kind and welcome letter of Dec. 14th a few days since. It was the first news I had gotten from home since my Capture, and you may be shure it was a great treat to me I received a letter from Sarah since dated the 22d Jan. and, have answered it. I feel thankful to almighty God, for the good health which I have enjoyed since a Prisiner; and also for his blessings upon those of you, who are near, and, dear, by ties of nature, My destiny is that of a Prisiner of war, fair seperated from you all, where we can lend no helping hand to each other, only through the medium of prayer, which I hold as one of the strongest wepons given from God; and he is above all, and, able to rule his People. Then let us not be troubled; but, press forward to the high mark of our calling. Indeed this seems to be a day of God's wrath, but has he not reserved unto himself a People, whom he will bring through much tribulation, for his own glory, Then are we of that number, Me thinks the witness lies within the breast, from which such hopes and faith springs, not for works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he has revealed his love to us. Then dear Mother let us be of good cheer, all will be well. I must close with my page. This leaves me with Capt James well, hopeing it may reach you in due time, and find you all in good health. My love to all who may feel an interest, in my wellfare, Write often. I hope to be, exchanged soon, but great fears arise to the

contrary. May the blessings of God await you in all things is my prayer for Christ the Redeemer sake. Amen

Peter M. Wright Capt
Co. B 58th Va Regt
Prisiner of War"

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that Peter Meador Wright enlisted on August 24, 1861, at Stewartsville as a 2nd Sergeant in Company B of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment, was present through December 31, 1861, was elected 1st Sergeant, was present through May 1, 1862, was elected 1st Lieutenant commanding the company at McDowell on May 8, 1862, was present through May 3, 1863, was elected Captain, was present until wounded in the arm at the Wilderness on May 5, 1864, returned to the company and was wounded in the side at Bethesda Church on May 30, 1864, returned to the company and was present until captured at Winchester on September 9, 1864, was sent to Fort Delaware, was released June 4, 1865, and was 5'6" tall, had a dark compexion, brown hair, and hazel eyes.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 the heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

"This Deed made this 8th day of August One thousand eight hundred and sixty six between James D. Craft and Mary J his wife, Charles H. McManaway, and Nancy E. his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, William W. Basham and Susan J his wife, James M Wright, Susan Wright, Louisa F. Wright Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright of the one part, and Peter M. Wright Jr. of the other part, Whereas in a suit in chancery depending in the County Court of Bedford County in which the said Peter M Wright Jr, James D. Craft and wife and others are plaintiffs and Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright in their own right and as administrators of Peter M. Wright deceased, and others defendants. The said Court did at its January Term 1862 (among other things) adjudge, order and decree that the said parties of the first part, should by proper deed convey unto the said Peter M. Wright Jr. the parcel of Land advanced to him by his father Peter M. Wright deceased in his lifetime, And that Albon A. Arthur should be a Commissioner to execute the said deed on behalf of the said parties of the first part, Now therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar, (the said parties of the first part, by the said Arthur Commissioner in pursuance of the said decree, hereby convey with special warranty unto the said Peter M. Wright Jr. the said parcel of land

advanced to him as aforesaid, said to contain about fifteen Acres and lying near Beaverdam Creek and adjoining the lands of Joseph W. Mays, Joel W. Wright and James T. Bowles. Witness the following signatures and seals.

James D. Craft
Mary J. Craft
Charles H. McManaway
Nancy E. McManaway
Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A. Lemon
William W. Basham
Susan J. Basham
James M. Wright
Susan Wright
Louisa F. Wright
Joel W. Wright
& Stephen W. Wright
By Albon A. Arthur Comsr.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 9th 1867.

This Deed from James D. Craft and wife and others by Albon A. Arthur Comsr to Peter M. Wright Jr. conveying real estate was produced in said Office, (stamped according to Law) acknowledged by A. A. Arthur and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles,
Deputy Clerk."

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 Peter M. Wright, Jr., and the other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 Peter M. Wright, Jr., and the other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

The birth record of Ann E. Wright was dated in November 1866 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Ann E. Wright
Date of Birth:	November 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	P. M. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Sarah J. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Relation of Informant:	Father"

On September 15, 1867, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/23 Peter M. Wright, as administrator of Silas Dearing, sold 178 acres of land to William B. Preston.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 44/167 Peter M. Wright and his wife Sarah J. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright, deceased, in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

> "This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright

for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On September 10, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/328 Peter M. Wright, Jr., as special commissioner for the court in the Dearing estate sold 109 acres to Mary Dearing.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Peter M. Wright in Chamblissburg with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Peter M. Wright	39	M	W	Farmer	2300
Sarah J. Wright	32	F	W	Keeping house	
Mary S. Wright	17	F	W	At home	
Saml L. Wright	15	M	W	At home	
Maria F Wright	12	F	W	At home	
John A Wright	11	M	W	At home	
William Wright	8	M	W		
Annie E Wright	3	F	W		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
745	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
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This record indicates that Peter M. Wright was born in about 1831 and that Sarah J. Wright was born in about about 1838.

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/377 Peter M. Wright and Sarah J. Wright and other heirs of Louisa F. Wright sold their interest in that estate to William W. Basham.

The birth record of Louisa B. Wright was dated on September 26, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Louisa B. Wright
Date of Birth:	September 26, 1873
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Parents:	Peter M. & Sarah Wright
Father's Occupation:	No listed
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Mother"

The birth record of Laura Cornelia Wright was dated on March 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Laura Cornelia Wright
Date of Birth:	March 1, 1875
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	Peter M. & Sarah Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The death record of Samuel T. Wright, son of Peter M. and Sarah Wright, was dated on December 10, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Samuel T. Wright
Date of Death: December 10, 1875
Place of Death: Cole Co., Illinois
Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Age: 21
Names of Parents: Peter M. & Sarah Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Status: Unmarried"

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/524 Peter M. Wright and Sarah J. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright their interest in the dower land and certain other property that was part of the estate of Susan Wright.

The birth record of Starr Wright was dated on December 16, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Starr Wright
Date of Birth:	December 16, 1876
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	Peter M. & Sarah J. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On March 7, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 8/280 the court dismissed various suits by Peter M. Wright, Jr., as having been fully resolved:

> "Peter M. Wright Jr. and Green Dearing Admrs of Silas Dearing deceased, Plaintiffs
> against
> Washington Howell and Mary Jane his wife, Samuel Walrond & others, Defendants
> And
> Henry V. Gray Admr. of Thomas C. Gray deceased, who sues as well for himself as all other the creditors of Silas Dearing deceased who may come into this suit and contribute ratably to the costs thereof, Plaintiff,
> against
> Peter M. Wright Jr. and Green Dearing Admrs. of Silas Dearing deceased; the said Peter M. Wright Jr. in his own right and Sarah his wife, the said Green Dearing in his own right and Sarah his wife, & others, Defendants
>
> This day these causes came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel, And it appearing to the Court that all the objects of these suits have been accomplished, by consent of parties, these two causes are ordered to be dismissed from the docket."

On September 9, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 9/64 the court dismissed various suits by Peter M. Wright, Jr., as having been fully resolved:

> "Peter M. Wright Jr. and Green Dearing Administrators of Silas Dearing deceased Plaintiffs
> against
> Washington Howell and Mary J. his wife & others Defendants

And
Henry V. Gray Admr. of Thomas C. Gray decd, who sues as well for himself as all other the creditors of Silas Dearing deceased who may come into this suit and contribute ratably to the costs thereof, Plaintiff
against
Peter M. Wright Jr. and Green Dearing Admrs. of Silas Dearing deceased, & others Defendants

At the instance of John R. Steptoe, who was a creditor of the estate of the late Silas Dearing, and upon whose motion these suits were re-docketed at the last term, and no cause appearing to retain said causes on the Docket, it is ordered, that they be severally discontinued and struck from the Docket."

The marriage license of John A. Wright and Molly S. Brown dated January 28, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as the son of Peter M. and Sarah J. Wright and his age as 20, indicating a date of birth in about 1859.

On May 31, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 9/560 the court dismissed a suit by Peter M. Wright, Jr., as having been fully resolved:

"Peter M. Wright and Green Dearing Administrator of Silas Dearing deceased. Plaintiff
against
William B. Walrond in his own right and as administrator of Samuel Walrond deceased, Moses P. Walrond and others Defendants

This day this cause came on to be heard again on the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel. And it being admitted by the parties to this suit as well the Complainants as the defendants, that all matters embraced in this suit have been compromised, adjusted and finally ended and disposed of, it is ordered that this suit be dismissed."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Peter M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Peter M. Wright	W	M	49		
Sarah J. Wright	W	F	45		Wife
Maria F. Wright	W	F	23		Daughter
William C. Wright	W	M	19		Son
Annie E. Wright	W	F	13		Daughter
Louisa B. Wright	W	F	6		Daughter
Laura C. Wright	W	F	5		Daughter
Dashing S. Wright	W	F	3		Daughter
Lewis Foster	W	M	15		Servant
Henry L. Foster	W	M	9		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months-Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		At home		
S		Farm Laborer		
S		At School		
S				
S				
S				
S		Farm Laborer		
S		Farm Laborer		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
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			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
	1	1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Peter M. Wright was born in about 1831 and that Sarah J. Wright was born in about 1835.

On August 10, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/521 Peter M. Wright and Sarah J. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

> "To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:
>
> Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

The marriage license of Mariah Frances Wright and Daniel Basham dated September 14, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as the daughter of Peter M. and Sarah J. Wright and her age as 24, indicating a date of birth in about 1857.

The marriage license of William C. Wright and Mary Eliza Pendleton dated September 18, 1882, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as the son of Peter M. and Sarah J. Wright and his age as 21, indicating a date of birth in about 1861.

The will of Peter Meador Wright was dated on March 23, 1888, probated on June 1, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/434 and provided as follows:

"I Peter M Wright of the County of Bedford State of Virginia being of sound mind but feeble in health and knowing the frailty of human life and the certainty of dealth and being desirous of making disposition of my property both real and personal do make declare and ordain this to be my last will and testament revoking all former wills that may have been made,

1st I want all my just debts paid

2nd I want my beloved wife Sarah J. Wright to have and to hold during her natural life time or so long as she may remain my widow all my Estate both real and personal provided that she shall give unto my beloved daughters Ann E. Wright Louisa B. Wright Laura C. Wright and Adassa G Wright each as they shall become twenty one years of age a sum equal to that charged on a book of Accounts in my possesion kept for that purpose to Mary G. Dooley Maria F. Basham John A. Wright and William C. Wright and that none of my beloved children shall pay any interest on the amounts charged to them in said book of Accounts

3rd In case any one or more of my my legal heirs who is twenty one years of age that is willing to pay any part or all of my just debts shall have a judgment lien on my real Estate until the amount so paid by them can be paid back out of my Estate, provided that he or they shall not institute proceedings to recover the amount paid out by him or them within five years from the time they assume the payments of all or any part of my just debts,

4th In Case no one of my legal heirs assumes the payment of all or any part of just debts I owe I empower and wish my Executors to cut off portions of my land that would be the least injury to the place and make sale thereof privately or by public auction after the same shall have been valued by three Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Bedford County provided that no more land shall be sold than will be sufficient to pay my indebtedness

5th To carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament I want my Executors to as soon as it can conveniently be done make sale of all my personal property for cash according to law,

6th I nominate my beloved wife Sarah J. Wright and my son William C. Wright as my Executors,

In witness whereof I do hereunto sign my name this the 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty eight

Atteste) Peter M Wright
Chas H. McManaway)
W R Johnson)

At Bedford County Court, June 1st, 1888

This last will and testament of Peter M Wright deceased, bearing date on the 23rd day of March 1888, was produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Charles H. McManaway of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who testified that the said will was signed and acknowledged by the testator as and for his last will and testament in his presence and in the presence of W.R Johnson the other subscribing witness thereto, both being present at the same time and that said will was subscribed by the said witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the testator; and it is ordered that said will be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Peter M. Wright deceased. And Sarah J. Wright the Executrix named in said will appeared in Court and declined to take upon herself the burthen of the execution thereof; and on the motion of William C. Wright the Executor named in said will who made oath thereto and together with Sarah J. Wright his surety (who justified) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of One Thousand Dollars, conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form and it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

From this record the family of 1888 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County can be identified as follows:

Wife: Sarah J. Wright

Children:
1) Ann E. Wright,
2) Louisa B. Wright,
3) Laura C. Wright,
4) Adassa G. Wright,
5) Mary G. (Wright) Dooley,
6) Maria F. (Wright) Basham,

7) John A. Wright, and

8) William C. Wright.

On July 9, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/439 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Peter Meador Wright was filed:

"We the undersigned appraisers appointed by the County Court of Bedford County at the May term of 1888 to appraise the personal property of Peter M Wright Deceased (William C Wright Executor) make the following appraisment of the following list of Articles

Articles	price
1 Coulter	$ .25
1 harrow	1.00
3 single plous	.75
1 double shovel	1.00
1 turning plow	.25
3 single trees	.75
1 pair Strchers	.25
1 Mower	20.00
2 hilling hoes	.20
1 wheat fan	2.00
20 sacks	1.00
1 broad axe	.25
5 barrels corn	12.50
1 old Mower	.50
1 set Smiths tools	10.00
1 grind Stone	.10
1 brace & bit	.50
2 drawing knives	.50
1 spade & shovel	.50
1 wagon bed	.25
1 Buggy & harness	25.00
1 Jersey wagon	10.00
1 hay rake	3.00
2 harvest cradles	.25
1 set of rake gear	1.00
1 saddle	4.00
1 saddle	1.00
1 mule colt	25.00
1 red cow	25.00
1 brindle cow	20.00
1 spotted cow	15.00

4 calves	30.00
2 hogs	10.00
1 Bureau	4.00
1 wash stand	.50
1 lounge	1.00
4 chairs	1.00
2 steak dishes	.40
2 dishes	.25
1 castor	.20
knives & forks	.30
1 lamp	.10
1 brass kettle	1.50
1 hand saw	.25
3 augers	.40
1 Square	.10
1 grind stone	.50
2 pitchforks	.50
1 gray horse	80.00
1 iron gray colt	50.00
1 gray horse	75.00
1 sorrel mare	90.00
1 bay mare	65.00
2 stone jars	.10
1 pair steelyards	.25
1 Trunk	.50
1 dressing table	.10
1 box tools	1.00
1 wash stand	.50
1 wash stand	.50
1 clock	1.00
1 Table	.25
1 pitcher	.15
1 set plates	.25
1 stone jar	.10
1 stone jar	.05
5 tin buckets	.40
1 Oil can & jug	.05
total	596.90

Amount of Bonds & Act	78.87
total	665.77

Wm M Field
Wm W Basham
R. J. Dearing
W. C. Wright Executor

Bedford Courty to wit

Subscribed and sworn to before me in my County aforesaid this the 15th day of June 1888

Chas H McManaway J.P.

A list of Bonds & Accounts of Peter M Wright Deceased

1 County warrant	$15.00
1 balance on due bill of Mathew Cainer	2.00
1 Account of J. W. Mays	17.87
1 Bond of John A Wright balance of	44.00
	$78.87

Commissioner's Office, June 25th 1888

I certify that the foregoing appraisement and inventory was this returned, examined and approved as in proper form.

W. W. Berry, Comr.
of Accounts Bedford Co. Ct.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 9th, 1888

This Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Peter M. Wright deceased was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The marriage license of Belle L. Wright and James A., Jeter dated December 17, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as the daughter of Peter M. and Sarah J. Wright and her age as 18, indicating a date of birth in about 1873.

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

> "To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.
>
> . . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

On August 28, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 9/560 the court dismissed a suit by Peter M. Wright, Jr., as having been fully resolved:

> "Peter M. Wright Jr. and Green B. Dearing
> administrators of Silas Dearing decd & others — Plaintiffs
> against
> James M Carder, and others — Defendants
>
> This cause came on this day again to be heard by the consent of all the parties in interest on the papers formerly read and on the report of Commissioner

Goode, to which report there being no exceptions, said report is confirmed on consideration whereof and it being admitted by H. C. Lowry Administrator of James O Hensley deceased that the debt due him in this cause has been fully paid. And all the objects for which this suit was brought having been accomplished, it is ordered that this suit be stricken from the docket with leave to have it reinstated on the docket by any person interested after giving the usual notice."

In April 1892 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 27/500 a list of property sold for the estate of Peter Meador Wright was filed:

"List of Sales of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Peter M Wright Jr dec'd, Sold Sept 5th 1888, by Wm C Wright his Executor (Terms cash)

Articles	Purchasers	Price
1 Plow, Coulter &c	Wm T St Clair	.25
2 Drawing Knives	Jno Wright	.10
2 Hilling hoes	W J Turner	.35
1 Pr Strechers	J M Pendleton	.20
1 Grind Stone	W T St Clair	.15
1 do	W R Johnson	.10
1 Mower	J H Ferguson	1.15
2 Single trees	Ro Dearing	.65
1 Broad Axe	J Wright	.75
20 Sacks	Geo Thomas	.65
1 Lot Sundries	J H Ferguson	.80
1 Harrow	Jno Wright	1.50
1 Buggy Rake	J H Ferguson	3.50
1 do harness & whip	Geo Thomas	33.00
1 Cow 3 yrs old	Jno Wright	32.00
1 Heifer	Thos Wood	12.50
1 do Small	Wm I Spradling	7.50
1 do	Same	7.00
1 do	Same	6.50
1 Saddle	Thos Wood	5.50
1 Horse 4 Yrs old	Geo Thomas	54.50
1 " 5 " "	Jno J Wheeler	81.00
1 Mule Colt	Geo Thomas	40.00
1 Colt	Do	44.00
1 do	Wm I Spradling	70.00
25 Bus Corn	J E Moomaw	14.00
1 Pr Steel Yards	Green Spradling	.75
1 Set Shoe makers tools	Jno Wright	3.10
1 Pr Stake dishes	W J Turner	.25

1 Pr Casters	Green Spradling	.60
2 Jars	B Barton	.30
1 Trunk	M T Gray	.25
1 Table	Jno Wright	.95
1 Wash Stand	Patrick Simmons	.90
1 Lounge	W J Turner	2.00
1 Set Harness	Fayette Atkinson	1.60
1 Saddle	W J Turner	.80
1 Plow	Mrs S J Wright	.25
1 do	do	1.00
1 Mower	do	20.00
1 Spade & Shovel	do	.50
1 Wagon bed	do	.25
1 Jersey wagon	do	10.00
1 Wheat fan	do	2.00
1 Set Blksmith Tools	do	10.00
1 Brace & bits	do	.50
1 Hand Saw	do	.25
3 Augers	do	.40
1 Square	do	.10
1 Pitch fork	do	.25
1 do	do	.25
1 Bay Mare	do	65.00
1 Bridle Cow	do	20.00
1 Spoted Cow	do	15.00
2 Hogs	do	10.00
1 Bureau	do	4.00
1 Wash Stand	do	.50
1 Clock	do	1.00
4 Chairs	do	1.00
1 Table 2 dishes & Set Plates	do	.75
1 Set Knives & forks	do	.30
2 Lamps 5 tin Buckets & Kettle	do	2.00
1 Oil can & jug & 2 jars	do	.15
1 Table	do	.10
Total		$645.65

William C Wright, Exor of
Peter M Wright Jr, deceased.

Commissioners Office
Bedford City Va March 28th 1892

The foregoing list of Sales of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Peter M Wright Jr deceased was this day returned and being in proper form was approved.

W W Berry Comr of Accts
Per W. M. Quarles.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 1st 1892

This List of sales of the Personal property belonging to the Estate of Peter M Wright Jr deceased was produced in said Office and together with the Certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

On May 23, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 28/153 an accounting for the estate of Peter Meador Wright was filed:

"The Estate of Peter M Wright Jr, deceased,
In account with Wm C Wright, His Executor

Debits

1888			
June 1		To Cash Paid Administration Tax &c	5.01
Sept 5		" " " Taxes for 1887	34.23
	"	" " " Griffin & Lowry attys fee's	10.00
	7	" " " J R Brown, burial expenses	18.00
	21	" " " Dr J W Fuqua medical a/c	18.00
	25	" " " Jno F Thaxton, bal on bond dated Sept 19th 1874	206.02
	"	" " " A L Harris Clk, day of sale	1.00
	"	" " " W H Powers Auctioneer	5.00
	"	" " " Thos Dooley on bond $30 & $15.00	45.00
	"	" " " A L Feather Blksmith a/c	5.36
Dec	31	" " " Commissions on $663.40 @ 5%	33.17
		Balance	282.61
			663.40

Credits

1888		
July 20	By Cash from M F. Carner	2.75

Sept 5	" List Sales of personal property	645.65	
" "	" Cash collected in County warrant	15.00	
		663.40	
1889			
Nov 23	To Cash Paid Patrick Simmon's Bond	100.00	
"	" " " do Int on Same	11.50	
"	" " " H N Howell bond in full	179.70	
"	" " " J M Pendleton " " "	32.43	
Dec 6	" " " W R Johnson " " "	45.68	
"	" Commissions on $50.67 @ 5%	2.53	
		371.84	
1778			
Jany 1	By Balance	282.61	
Nov 23	" Int on $284.06 for 5 mos & 23 days		8.19
Octo 22	" Cash from Jno A Wright	50.67	
Dec 6	" Int on $50.67 1 mo & 14 days		.30
"	" Interest bought in Principal Column	8.57	
	Balance	29.99	
		371.84	
1890			
Jany 1	To Balance	29.99	
"	" Int on same 26 days		.13
April 25	" Cash Paid Thos Dooley on bond	25.00	
June 6	" " " H C Lowry on decree in suit Dearing v Dearing decree of Sept 1st 1879 & Int	198.10	
" "	" " " Commissioners fee bill	7.00	
" "	" " " J W Mays Bond in full & Int	105.04	
"	" " " J W Mays Gdn Lulu & Laura Jeter	85.11	
		450.24	.25
1890			
June 29	By Cash Collected from J W Mays	17.87	
	Balance	432.37	.13
1891			
Jany 1	To Balance	432.37	.13
"	" Int on same 6 mos		12.96
March 16	" Cash Paid J M Franklin bond in full	102.25	
Sept 1	" " " Thos Dooley bond in full	92.00	
		626.62	13.09
1891			
Dec 31	By Balance	626.62	13.09
		626.62	13.09

1892			
Jany 1	To Balance	626.62	13.09
March 28	" Int on same 6 mos & 26 days		21.52
"	" Cash Paid Commissioners fee bill	3.75	
"	" " " Ro S Quarles recording Inventory	1.34	
"	" " " do " List Sales	1.76	
March 28	To Cash Paid R S Quarles recording this account	2.32	
		635.79	34.62
1892			
March 28	By Balance	635.79	34.62
		635.79	34.62
1892			
March 28	To Balance due Executor	$635.79	$34.62

Commissioners Office
Bedford City Va, Aprl 7th, 1892,

The foregoing account was this day compleated the vouchers are satisfactory and the bond sufficient, the name of the Executor was embraced in the list of Fiduciaries posted at the front door of the Court House at its March Term 1892 (ten days having since elapsed) said account is herewith returned Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accounts of Bedford County Court.

W W Berry Commissioner of accounts
of Bedford County Court.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office, April 7th 1892,

This settlement of the account current of William C Wright Executor of Peter M Wright Jr. deceased, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions.

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court May 23rd 1892

This settlement of the account current of William C Wright Executor of Peter M Wright Jr deceased, having lain in the Clerks Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah J. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling houses in the order	Number of family in the order	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1,
Street	House Number	of visitation	of visition	1900, was in this family.
		139	139	Sarah J. Wright
				Ann R Wright
				Laura C Wright
				Star A Wright
				Walliam Goggin
				Deut.(?) Johns

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	F	Nov	1834	65	W
Daughter	W	F	Dec	1866	33	S
Daughter	W	F	Mch	1875	25	S
Daughter	W	F	Apl	1876	24	S
Servant	B	M	Jan	1889	11	S
Boarder	B	M	Mch	1874	26	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	
			School teacher	7	
			School teacher	7	
			Servant	0	0
			House Laborer	0	3

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
No	No	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that Sarah Jane (Dearing) Wright was born in November 1834.

Our Kin stated that Peter Meador Wright II was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright married Sarah J. Dearing and that they had the following children:

1) Mary Susan (Wright) Dooley,
2) Samuel Thomas Wright,
3) Maria Frances (Wright) (Basham) Tompkins,
4) John A. Wright,
5) William Chester Wright,
6) Ann Eliza (Wright) Beard,

7) Belle (Wright) Jeter,

8) Laura (Wright) McCall, and

9) Starr (Wright) Overstreet.

v. Eliza Ann (Wright) Lemon, Her Husband Joel B. Lemon, And Her Descendants

Eliza Ann (Wright) Lemon was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza A. Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and her age as 19 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1831.

The marriage bond of Eliza A. Wright and Joel B. Lemon was dated on October 11, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Mr Airy Bedford Va

Mr Albon Arthur Esq You will please Issue license to join in Holy Matrimoney Joel B. Lemon and my Daughter Eliza A and Oblige your friend

To the Clerk of Bedford County Court) Peter M. Wright
) October 11th 1852

A List of marriage Licenses issued from the Clerks office of Bedford County Court in the year 1852

. . . .

Octo 11 1852 Joel B. Lemon Eliza A. Wright

. . . ."

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Eliza A. Lemon and Joel B. Lemon joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

> "This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals
>
> Susan Wright
> Peter M Wright Jun
> James M Wright
> Joel W Wright
> Stephen W Wright
> James D Craft
> Joel B Lemon
> Wm W Basham
> Charles H McManaway
> Nancy A McManaway
> Mary T Wright
> Eliza A Lemon
> Mary J Craft
> Sarah J Wright
> Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On June 15, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/361 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon of Botetourt County sold 100 acres of land to Susan Wright:

"This Deed made the 15th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and Sixty three between Joel B Lemon and Eliza A his wife of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the first part and Susan Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Two thousand dollars the payment of which is secured to him by bond from William W Basham the said Joel B Lemon and Eliza A his wife doth grant unto the said Susan Wright all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and on the waters of Beaver Dam creek containing by recent survey One hundred acres be it the same more or less and adjoining the lands of Joel Wright Edward W Dearing, P M Wright and others the metes and bounds of which will appear by reference to the plots accompanying the Commissioners report of the division of lands of Peter M Wright Decd and that we will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed, and that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances. Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel B Lemon
Eliza A Lemon

Botetourt County to wit

We Samuel Young and John Ammen Justices of the peace in and for said County do hereby certify that this day Joel B Lemon and Eliza A Lemmon wife of said Joel B Lemmon whose names are signed to the within Deed bearing date on the 15th day of June 1863 have this day personally appeared before us in our County and acknowledged and subscribed the same. We further certify that we have examined the the said Eliza A Lemmon wife of the said Joel B Lemmon, privily and apart from her said husband and after having the said Deed fully explained to her, she acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and that she had signed it willingly and did not wish to retract it, and wishd us to certify to the Clerk of said County that the same might be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of August 1863

Saml Young J.P.
John Ammen J.P.

At a County Court begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 26th day of October 1863 in the 88th year of the Commonwealth. This deed from Joel B Lemon and Eliza A his wife to Susan Wright conveying real estate, was produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 Decr 31st $1.00 United States Internal Revenue Stamp, placed on the original of the foregoing deed and cancelled this day according to law.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

On November 5, 1864, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Eliza Ann (Wright) Lemon wrote to the Peter Meador Wright, Sr., family:

"Near Blue Ridge Bot Va Nov 5th 1864

Beloved Relatives

Again am I blessed with the privilege of writing & answering your welcome letter of ____ date which came to hand in due time I found the children quite well But I was quite poorly then. suppose I got rather cold or damp one evening & for 2 or 3 days about that time, I was poorly scarcely able to sit up a part of the time but I feel unusually well for a day or 2 now. Hope this will find you all blessed with that great blessing halth Mr Lemon continued complaining of his head all the time he was home. I succeeded in getting his clothing made the week Ma left us & the next week he started back. but his company met him & prevailed on him at the Rail Road to return & wait until monday for them. So he left here last Monday was a week & I have heard nothing of him since Only I received his likeness by mail. Suppose he had it taken in Lynchburg. I have been looking for a letter for a week but think I will get one in the morning. We are getting along with our affairs as well or better than I could expect under the circumstances. have finished making molasses only made about 26 or 8 gal of our own. I boiled for no one else save 2-1/2 gal. have dug the most of the potatoes though they are very sorry have gathered & cribbed more than half the corn but as for my house work I am entirely behind the time. but if we can have health we will soon be done out & then can work at my work but Mariah is crying again to day with her thumb she fears another felon but I hope not. I am so anxious to hear from you all again. Hope you have heard from Brother Peter. I dreamed of seeing him. Hope Wm got off before the Board & that he is now home with Julia. I think he

ought to be left at home Mr Abenchair got off & I think he is abler than Wm. I say he got off but I should have said he was detailed to farm for 60 days. I am very anxious to hear from you all was glad Ma arrived safe was very thankful for her visit but I could wish that my mind could have been more at ease & my hands had a little less to do than they did while she was here. that I could have enjoyed her company more. Tell Sarah I sympathize with her but hope her affliction will yet work for hers & Peters good. Give my love to Aunt Anna & May the Lord give her grace to help in her time of need. Oh I feel for her. I was preaching today & heard a most noble sermon in my judgment Rev. Bibb preached it the one Fannie you heard in Fincastle wish you all could have heard it. the 17th chap of John was his foundation or text. if I can I want to go again tomorrow. My love & best wishes to you all come any of you when you can. Remember me at a throne of grace that I may be enabled to do my whole duty Tell me where Steven & Joel are Oh may the Lord bless & convert them & all the unconverted members of the family May happiness attend you all now & forever. I dream so much of ____ family are ____ this is the 2 letter since dark"

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 the heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright:

"This Deed made this 8th day of August One thousand, eight hundred and sixty six between Peter M. Wright Jr. James D. Craft and Mary J his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E his wife, Joel B. Lemon, William W. Basham and Susan J. his wife, James M. Wright, Susan Wright, Louisa F. Wright, Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright of the one part, and Eliza A Lemon of the other part, Whereas in a suit in chancery depending in the County Court of Bedford County in which the said Peter M. Wright Jr. James D. Craft and wife and others are plaintiffs, and Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright in their own right and as Administrators of Peter M. Wright decd and others defendants. The said Court did at its January Term 1862 among other things adjudge, order and decree that the said parties of the first part, should by proper deed convey unto the said Eliza A. Lemon the tract of Land advanced to her by her father Peter M. Wright deceased in his lifetime, and that Albon A. Arthur should be a Commissioner to execute the said deed on behalf of the said parties of the first part. Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One dollar the said parties of the first part, by the said Arthur Commissioner in pursuance of the said decree, hereby convey with special

warranty unto the said Eliza A. Lemon the said tract of Land advanced to her as aforesaid, said to contain about One hundred acres and lying on the Head waters of Beaver dam Creek adjoining the lands of Malinda Holdron, Washington B Loyd, William B. Stanley and others, Witness the following signatures and seals.

Peter M. Wright Jr.
James D. Craft
Mary J. Craft
Charles H. McManaway
Nancy E. McManaway
Joel B. Lemon
William W. Basham
Susan J. Basham
James M. Wright
Susan Wright
Louisa F. Wright
Joel W. Wright
& Stephen W. Wright
By Albon A. Arthur Comsr.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 9th 1867.

This Deed from Peter M. Wright Jr. and others by Albon A. Arthur Comsr to Eliza A. Lemon conveying real estate was produced in said Office (stamped according to Law) acknowledged by A. A. Arthur and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles
Deputy Clerk."

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On December 27, 1867, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Eliza Ann (Wright) Lemon wrote to Susan (James) Wright and Louisa Frances Wright:

"Home Botetourt Va Dec 27th 1867

My beloved Mother & sister

Through the tender mercy of an all Wise providence I am blessed with the privilege of writing you a few lines to let you know we are all in the enjoyment of very good health save myself & husband & we are going about and doing much as usual. he has been troubled some with piles, diarrhea &c but hope he will soon be all right again. I have no particular change to communicate with regard to my health save a decline in appetite & eyesight. Hope this will find you all blessed with good health & enjoying the many blessings that are bestowed upon people in this world. Mr Lemon says tell you he would be much pleased to visit you all & spend a day or 2 there, but he hates to leave us all. We are now rid of all our hirelands & feel somewhat like a bird out of a cage We do not expect to hire any save by the day until Spring, when if we live we expect to hire some man. We are not complaining of our crop Nay we have been abundantly blessed this year but we are in the midst of a settlement I shall term it of the coloured race, & some of them very idle and almost without any visible means of support. So if our hands were disposed to be industrious (which some of them were) they would be hindered, not to say anything about their teems of company night & day. Our hands all went off I think very well satisfied with their profits, the woman left in tears.

Mother I wish you were here to eat some of our apples. we have the finest I ever saw & have had them as plentifully as we could wish to eat and cook we still fry them for breakfast, besides dumplings and pies. We saved some of the block apples until Christmas hoping to have the chance to send you some. We still have the pippin pearmain & some other kinds that are large & excellent. Fannie come over & try them for yourself & take Ma a sample. Our children are all growing finely but I cannot say they are learning finely, though I have no right to complain of them for their chance. they were at a wedding in Nov 27, then it was prepare for Christmas & now they are preparing for another wedding next thursday night, on the other side of the mountain. I hope if we keep as well as now that after that they will learn fast. Fannie do not considder & conclude not to invite them to yours, for that would cause them to study so much it would be useless to try to teach them for a while, at least. I have only been with Cousin Nannie a few minutes since she returned. She was to have visited us last Sunday but she has been so nearly laid up with cold sore throat &c that she has not been out yet visiting. She said she nearly froze coming home, but she looks well now so does Aunt Millia. I went to Fincastle last Friday & bought Ellvira & Louisa a new dress each. There have been a great many fairs near us at Mill Creek, Fincastle & Amsterdam, but we have taken no part in any of them Give my love to all my brothers and sisters & their familes would be much pleased to write to them all and to have them all visit us. thought I would have written to

those in Franklin ere this but my eyes have been very sore & I have had a good deal of business writing to do since they got better and so it is put off but hope to write soon as I am anxious to hear from them. We were glad to receive a fist from Harvey hope he was not worsted by his trip & that he will not think it so far now. I am truly sorry to hear of Peter & Sarah's afflictions this year. hope they will both ere long be restored to good health a blessing which none but the afflicted know how to appreciate does James visit any or any of his family think he & Mary might come at least once, did think Joel would have come ere this. for several weeks we were looking for him almost daily. As we wrote to him we wanted his fork & could not come for it. And to bring it any time that was cold enough. So we thought as we could hear no more that he was expecting to bring it. please tell us to what Office he directed it & all of you direct to Fincastle. Ellvira said she intended to write to Aunt Fannie & let her know that although She could accommodate & entertain most bountifully & comfortably let the weather be ever so cold, yet as she could not spend all the winter with her it only made the cold pinch So much the harder on the long road home. I think Ma it is proof enough of their being well kept for last year it nearly laid Nannie & Ellvira up to leave & come home and this year Nannie complained more of cold on the way home than any where else. Ellvira & Louisa have returned from a neighbors house & I will close to let them write some please write soon & often & come as soon as you can May happiness attend you all now & forever

E. A. L."

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of Peter M. Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

"This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon

the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham

Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being

examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On February 3, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/520 Joel B. and Eliza A. Basham of Botetourt County sold their interest in the estate of L. Frances Wright to William W. Basham:

"This Deed made the 3d day of February 1870, between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife of the County of Botetourt, of the first part, and William W Basham of the County of Bedford, of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to them in hand paid, do grant and convey to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all their undivided interest, consisting of the one equal ninth part, in all the lands of L Fannie Wright decd. lying in Bedford County & State of Virginia and consisting of two separate and distinct lots or parcels which were laid off and assigned to her, as one of the heirs of Peter M. Wright decd, by the Commissioners who made partition of the estate of the said Peter M Wright decd amongst his heirs as will be shewn by the said partition, which is now on record in the said County of Bedford and the said grantors warrant generally the title to the property hereby conveyed. It is understood however that they do not convey their in the said L Fannie Wright's interest in the dower land which was assigned to her mother Susan Wright, as the widow of the said Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel B Lemon
Eliza A Lemon

Clerk's Office of Botetourt County Court February 3d 1870

This Deed from Joel B Lemon & his wife, to William W Basham having a revenue Stamp of fifty cents affixed & cancelled, was this day produced to me in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said Joel B. Lemon the grantor. And at the same place and on the same day Mrs Eliza A Lemon the wife of the said Joel B Lemon also personally came before me in my said Office, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her She the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had executed it willingly and does not wish to retract it Given under my hand

John Camper Clerk
of Botetourt County Court

In Bedford County Court August 3rd 1870

This Deed from Jel B. Lemon & wife to William W. Basham conveying an interest in real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with Fifty Cents United States

Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, CBC"

On January 29, 1876, at Amherst County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon sold their interest in a tract of land that was part of Susan Wright's estate to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright.

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife of the first part & Steph W & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of Eight hundred dollars the said Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife hath this day sold unto the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd also their entire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright decd it being know as the Lemon lot in the divisions of the landed Estate of Peter M. Wright Decd, the said Lemon & wife covenant to warrant the title to said land with general warranty. The payments are one half in 12 months from date & one half in two year bonds to bear interest from date till paid. A Lien is retained on said land until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures & seals.

Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A. Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G. Stewart a Natary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Joel B. Lemon & Eliza A. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeard before me and acknowledged the same and the said Eliza A. Lemon being examined by me privily and apart from her husband & haveing the writeing aforesaid fully explained to her, acknowledged the same to be her act that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1877

This Deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife to Joel W Wright and Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court Certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 10, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/521 Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

"To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:

Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.

. . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

Our Kin stated that Eliza Ann Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and married Joel Lemon and that they had the following children:

1) Elvy Susan Lemon,
2) Rufus Meador Lemon,
3) Louisa Frances (Lemon) Saul,
4) Abbie D. (Lemon) Watkins,
5) Joel Bunyan Lemon,
6) William Leachman Lemon,
7) Laura Ann (Lemon) Thaxton,
8) Lee Lemon,

9) Mollie (Lemon) Price,

10) Walter Lemon,

11) Urban Lemon, and

12) Allie (Lemon) Price.

NSSAR Application #79314 for Alfred Bunyan Lemon dated November 13, 1956, stated that Eliza Anna Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (____) Wright, was born on November 20, 1832, married Joel Baker Lemon on October 16, 1852, and died in 1890 at Nace, Virginia, that Joel Baker Lemon was born in 1829 and died on January 9, 1910, at Nace, Virginia, and that Eliza Anna (Wright) Lemon and Joel Baker Lemon had the following child:

1) John Bunyan Lemon, born on April 1, 1862.

vi. Susan Julia (Wright) Basham And Her Husband William Wesley Basham

Susan Julia (Wright) Basham was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Susan B. Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and her age as 15 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1835.

The marriage bond of William Basham and Susan J. Wright, daughter of Peter M., was dated on November 17, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, with James M. Wright as surety:

> "The Clerk of Bedford County Court is authorised to issue license to join in Holy Matrimony William Basham and Susan J. my Daughter this Nov 17th day 1851
>
> J. R. Steptoe Peter M. Wright
> James M Wright
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>
> Know all Men by these Presents, That we, William Basham and James M Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made,

we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 17" day of November 1851.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound William Basham and Susan J Wright - Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

William Basham
James M Wright"

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/457 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Susan J. Basham and William W. Basham joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

"This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun

James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that William Wesley Basham was born on April 24, 1827, at Franklin County, Virginia, enlisted on September 27, 1861, at Vienna as a private in Company D, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, was present through October 1861, was absent sick at home in January and February 1862, was discharged on February 2, 1862, at Camp, King William County, for overage, was 6 feet tall, had a dark complexion, grey eyes, and dark hair, was a farmer, died on February 15, 1901, and was buried at Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of Peter M. Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

> "This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan

Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On February 3, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/520 William W. Basham purchased from Joel B. and Eliza A. Lemon their interest in the estate of L. Frances Wright:

"This Deed made the 3d day of February 1870, between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife of the County of Botetourt, of the first part, and William W Basham of the County of Bedford, of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to them in hand paid, do grant and convey to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all their undivided interest, consisting of the one equal ninth part, in all the lands of L Fannie Wright decd. lying in Bedford County & State of Virginia and consisting of two separate and distinct lots or parcels which were laid off and assigned to her, as one of the heirs of Peter M. Wright decd, by the Commissioners who made partition of the estate of the said Peter M Wright decd amongst his heirs as will be shewn by the said partition, which is now on record in the said County of Bedford and the said grantors warrant generally the title to the property hereby conveyed. It is understood however that they do not convey their in the said L Fannie Wright's interest in the

dower land which was assigned to her mother Susan Wright, as the widow of the said Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel B Lemon
Eliza A Lemon

Clerk's Office of Botetourt County Court February 3d 1870

This Deed from Joel B Lemon & his wife, to William W Basham having a revenue Stamp of fifty cents affixed & cancelled, was this day produced to me in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said Joel B. Lemon the grantor. And at the same place and on the same day Mrs Eliza A Lemon the wife of the said Joel B Lemon also personally came before me in my said Office, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her She the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had executed it willingly and does not wish to retract it Given under my hand

John Camper Clerk
of Botetourt County Court

In Bedford County Court August 3rd 1870

This Deed from Jel B. Lemon & wife to William W. Basham conveying an interest in real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, CBC"

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/257 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham sold to Joel W. Wright their interest in certain property belonging to the estates of Peter M. Wright and L. F. Wright:

"This Deed made this 11th of February 1871 between Wm. W. Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part & Joel W. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of thirty dollars the said party of the first part do grant & convey unto the said Joel W. Wright Their entire interest in a certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford about one mile & a quarter west of Stewartsville & the said tract of land was deeded to Peter M. Wright by Christopher Neighbors The party of the first part in consideration of Joel W. Wrights intereset in two tracts of Land that was owned by L. F Wright Dec. adjoining C H Mcmanaway lands & seventy five dollars in money do also grant & convey unto Joel W Wright

their entire interest of the personal property of Peter M Wright Dec also their interest of the amount of money due L. F. Wright Dec. from the admrs of Peter M Wright Dec and the party of the first part do covenant with the said Joel W. Wright that they have the right to sell & convey their interest in said property that they have done no act to encumber the same & that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed

Witnesses the following signatures & seals

William W Basham
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We Robert M Beard & Abner Howell Justices for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia Do certify that William W Basham & Susan J his wife whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 11th Day of February 1871 have acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and We Do further certify that Susan J Basham wife of the said William W. Basham whose name is likewise signed to the writing hereto to annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and being examined By us privily and apart from her Husband and having the writing afore said fully explained to her she the said Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it, given under our hands the day & date above named

Robert M Beard J.P
Abner Howell J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office March 13th 1871.

This Deed from William W. Basham & wife to Joel W. Wright conveying an interest in real and personal estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue stamps, cancelled according to law, and, together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/377 William W. Basham purchased the interests in the estate of Louisa F. Wright of Peter M. Wright

and Sarah J. Wright, Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright, Stephen W. Wright and Margaret J. Wright, and James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft:

"This Deed made this 11th day of Feb 1871 between James D Craft & Mary J his wife of Franklin County Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife, Joel W Wright and Eliza S his wife, of Bedford County, Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife of Roanoke County, of the first part and William W Basham of Bedford County of the second part, Witnesseth That in consideration of the sum of One hundred & forty five Dollars to the said James D Craft, One hundred & forty Dollars to the said Peter M Wright, One hundred & fifty Dollars to the said Joel W Wright and One hundred & forty Dollars to the said Stephen W Wright, the said parties of the first part, do grant unto the said Wm W Basham with general warranty, all of their undivided interest in the landed estate of the late Louisa F Wright consisting of one tract containing One hundred & Seventy acres more or less adjoining the lands of Joseph Saunders, Charles H McManaway and others, and one other tract containing Forty nine acres more or less adjoining the lands of Chas H McManaway James Franklin & others The said parties of the first part covenants with the said Wm W Basham that he shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance or incumbrance, Witness the following signatures

Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S. Wright
S. W. Wright
Margret J Wright
Jas D Craft
Mary J Craft

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We Robert M. Beard & Abner Howell Justices for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia Do certify that Peter M Wright & Sarah J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife and Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing Date on the 11th day of February 1871 has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid, and we Do further certify that Sarah J. Wright wife of the said Peter M Wright Margaret J Wright wife of Stephen W. Wright & Eliza S. Wright wife of Joel Wright whose names are likewise signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing Date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined By us privily and apart from their Husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Sarah J Wright Margaret J Wright & Eliza S. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act

and declared that they have willingly executed the same and Do not wish to retract it, given under Our hands this the Day and Date above named

Robert M. Beard J.P
Abner Howell J.P

Franklin County to wit

We Wm E Bernard and Luke Perdue Justices of the peace do certify that James D Craft and Mary J his wife whoes names are signed to the wrigting hereto annext bearing date 11th day of February 1871, has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us do further certify that Mary J. Craft the wife of James D Craft aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her Husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her the the said Mary J Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 14 day April 1871

Wm E Bernard JP
Luke Perdue J.P

At Bedford County Court July 25th 1871

This Deed from James D. Craft & wife & others to William W. Basham, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with One Dollar United States Internal Revenue stamp, cancelled according to law, certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On August 27, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/362 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham sold their interest in the Dower land of Susan Wright to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright:

"This Deed made this 27th day of August 1874 between Wm W Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part and Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Five hundred & Seventy five dollars, the said Wm W. Basham & Susan J his wife, do grant unto the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty all of their interest in the dower land held by Susan Wright widow of Peter M. Wright deced The said Wm W. Basham covenant with the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright that they shall have quiet possession of said interest in the dower land aforesaid and that the said Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife will execute such assurances of

said interest in said dower land as may be requisite. The sale of said interest in said dower land is subject to the life ownership of the said Susan Wright. Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Wm. W. Basham whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Susan J. Basham the wife of Wm. W. Basham whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and haveing the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/368 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham sold their interest in the Lemon lot to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Wm. W. Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part, and Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part,

Witnesseth: that in consideration of One hundred & fifty dollars (paid by Joel B Lemon) to Wm. W. Basham The said William W. Basham hath this day sold to the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty his entire interest in a tract of land owned by Susan Wright Decd known as the Lemon lot drawn by Joel B. Lemon & wife in the division of the lands of Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures & seals Jany 29" 1876

Wm. W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in & for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me & acknowledged the same, and the said Susan J. Basham having been examined privily ande and apart from her husband, having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her by me, declared that she had willingly executed the same that it is her act & that she does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29 1876

S. G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife, to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

"To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:

Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death,

possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

On August 18, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/342 William W. and Susan J. Basham purchased the interest of Charles H. and Nancy A. McManaway in the estate of Louisa F. Wright:

"This Deed of partition mad this the 18th day of August 1881, Between Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife and William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham his wife, witnesseth that in consideration of an agreement made and entered into by the parties aforesaid for the division of the land of the late Louisa F Wright, Do by these presents here sealed and signed convey to each other their rights titles and interest as hereinafter described, to wit, The said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife, Do grant unto the said Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife all their right title and interest in that part of certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford on the South branch of Beaverdam Creek containing One hundred and Seventy eight Acres more or less and adjoining the lands of Chas. H. McManaway Jo Saunders and Others, bying South East of a new dividing line agreed upon by the said parties and running as follows, Beginning at a newly chopped hickory on the North East Side of the Public Road not far from Saunder's barn thence North East a Straight line - poles to a rock pile in the gap of the Mountain in Jas M McManaway's line Containing Sixty Acres more or less with general warrantee it being the interest ____ of the late Susan Wright interest of Nancy A. McManaway in the lands of the late Louisa F Wright of which she died possessed. And the said Chas H McManaway and Nancy A McManaway his wife Do grant unto the said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife all their right title and interest in all the said tract or parcel of land as before described lying on the North West side of the before described new line Containing One hundred and Eighteen acres more or less, And the said Chas H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway his wife do also grant unto the said William W. Basham and Susan J Basham his wife all their right title and interest in another tract or parcel of lying on the west side of Slacks Mountain Containing fifty Acres more or less it being also a part of the lands belonging to the late

Louisa F Wright of which she died siezed and possessed. In witness whereof we do here unto set our hands and seals the day and date before mentioned

Chas H. McManaway
Nancy A. McManaway
Wm W Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G Stewart a notary public for the county in the State aforesaid, do cerfity, that Chas W McManaway & Nancy A his wife Wm W Basham & Susan J. his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing deed dated August the 18th 1881, come personally before me in my County & acknowledged the Same and the said Nancy A McManaway & Susan J Basham, being examined by me seperately & apart from their husbands, & haveing the deed fully explained to them, they acknowledge the same to be their act & that they willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand Aug the 18th, 1881.

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court, November 28th 1881

This Deed of Partition between Charles W. McManaway and wife, and William W. Basham and wife, relating to real estate was produced in Court certified, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On October 22, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/532 William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham sold their interest in the land inherited from Peter M. Wright to Richard L. Dearing:

"This Deed made this the 22 day of October in the year one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty one btween William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham his wife and Richard L. Dearing witnesseth That in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred dollars paid in hand the reciept whereof is hereby acknowledged the said William W Basham and Susan J Basham his wife do grant unto the said Richard L. Dearing all their right title and intrust in a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of Stephen Wright James M. Wright and others it being a part of the lands inherite by Susan J Basham out of

the Estate of Peter M. Wright Ded an bounded as follows. Beginning at James M. Wright corner formly a poplar stump in the middle of road Station 1 N 12 W 30 poles to a small sourwood thense N 65-3/4 W 16 poles 4 links to a black Oake thence W. 45 poles + 18 links to a black oak thence N 32 W 34 poles 4 links to a chestnut thense E 11-1/4 W 25 poles 3 link to llack oak thence N 64 W 8 poles to a stake thence N 58 E 39 poles 16 links to re oak thence S 39-1/4 E 123-1/2 poles to a sourwood stump thence N 78-1/4 E 38-1/4 poles to a post oak stump thence S 34-1/2 E 18.44 poles to a black oak stump thence S 7-1/2 W 32.24 poles to a water oak thence S 81-1/2 W 72-1/2 poles to the begining containing 56 Achers 2 Roods and 15 Poles the sead William W Basham and wife warrant Jenerally Garntee this the day and date olraity

Wm. W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S G Stewart notary public for the county in the state aforesaid, do certify that Wm W Basham & Susan J Basham his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 22d day of Oct 1881, hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. And the said Susan J Basham being examined by me privily and apart from her husband ____ Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 21st day of Feb 1882

S G Stewart NP

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, March 21st 1882.

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife to Richard L. Dearing, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S Quarles, C.B.C."

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.

. . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

Tombstone Inscriptions Of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstones in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Stewartsville, Virginia:

"William Wesley Basham
Apr 24, 1827
Feb 15, 1901

Susan Julia Basham
August 14, 1834
Jul 26, 1907"

Our Kin stated that Susan Julia Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, married William M. Basham, and had no children.

In his email dated April 21, 1997, Malcolm Basham stated that Susan Julia Wright was born on August 14, 1834, at Virginia, married William W. Basham on

November 17, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on July 26, 1907, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at Primitive Baptist Church, Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, that William W. Basham was born on April 24, 1827, at Virginia, died on February 15, 1901, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at Primitive Baptist Church, Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, and that Susan Julia (Wright) Basham and William W. Basham had no children.

vii. 1888 Stephen Wood Wright Of Roanoke County, His Wives Narcissus H. (Richardson) Wright And Margaret Jane (Muse) Wright, And His Descendants

1888 Stephen Wood Wright of Roanoke County was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Stephen P. Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and his age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1837.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed S. W. Wright on July 12, 1860, with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
S. W. Wright	24	M		Farmer	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
1,200	Virginia				

The marriage license of Stephen W. Wright and Narcissa H. Richardson was dated on May 29, 1861, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia - County of Roanoke to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Stephen W. Wright and Narcissa H. Richardson

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this 29" day of May 1861

F. Johnston Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, May 30" 1861
Place of Marriage, at (?) Jane Richardsons' House
Full Names of Parties married, Stephen W Wright &Narcissa H Richardson
Age of Husband, 25
Age of Wife, 19
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) Single
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Roanoke County
Names of Husband's Parents, Peter M & Susan Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, George W & Jane Richardson
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 29" day of May 1861

F Johnston Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, that on the 30" day of May 1861 at the house of Jane Richardson I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

C R Campbell"

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 Stephen W. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On April 26, 1861, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. F/697 Stephen W. Wright purchased 55-3/4 acres of land from Harvey and Elizabeth Baker:

> "This Deed made the 26" day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Harvey Baker and Elizabeth Baker his wife of the first part and Stephen W Wright of the second part, witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and twenty three dollars to him in hand paid the said Harvey Baker and Elizabeth his wife doth grant unto the said Stephen W Wright with general Warranty all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Counties of Roanoke & Bedford on the head waters of Wolf Creek, containing 55-3/4 acres and bounded as follows, Viz: Begining at Bakers corner large white oak on a hill side near the top of the Blue ridge, thence along his line S 3/4° W 64 poles to pointers in Sarah Aremontrout line along her line S 26-1/2° W 38 poles to Harvey Bakers Corner pointers then along his & Howell line N 63 W 83 _____ to Howells and Wright's corner red oaks, thence along Wrights line N 27° E 23-1/2 poles to two chesnut oaks near a draft N 58-1/2° E 22-1/2 poles to a locust, N 6-1/2° E 37-1/2 poles to a red oak near an old field, N 85-3/4 W 70 poles to two chesnut oaks on a spur, near a path leading from George Gish's to Baker's, thence along said Gish's line S 52-3/4° E 68 poles to his corner hickory on the top of the Blue Ridge, thence along the top of said ridge, being Baker's line, as it meanders S 35-1/2° E 12 poles S 57° E 44 poles S 54-1/2 E 35 poles to the Begining And that they will warrant generally, the property hereby conveyed & that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee, & that the grantee shall have quiet possion of said land free from all incumbrances.
>
> Witness the following signatures & seals
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> Harvey Baker
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> Elizabeth her X mark Baker
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> State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.
>
> I James M. Mathews, justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that Harvey Baker, whose name is signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 26" day of April 1861 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 29th day of April 1861

J. M. Mathews J.P.

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

We James M Mathews and Jubal D Meador Justices of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Do certify that Elizabeth Baker the wife of Harvey Baker whose names are signed to the writing annexed bearing date on the 26" April 1861 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Elizabeth Baker acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands this 27th day of April 1861

J. M. Mathews J.P.
J. D Meador J.P.

In the Clerks office of Roanoke County Court the 21st May 1861 This Deed from Harvey Baker & wife to S W Wright, was delivered to me, and together with the certificates thereon written admitted to record

Teste
F Johnston C."

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Stephen W. Wright joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

"This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the

same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being

examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Stephen W. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On September 10, 1861, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. F/723 Stephen W. Wright purchased a 30' wide road from William T. and Elizabeth Howell:

"This Deed made the tenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four between Elizabeth Howell and William T Howell of the first part and Stephen W Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that in Consideration of the sum of Twenty five dollars to them in hand paid the said Elizabeth Howell and William T Howell doth grant with general warranty unto the said Stephen W Wright a Road twenty feet wide running a straight line from Wright's and Vinyards Corner small cherry tree to a corner rock in his road leading from Cross Roads to Gish's Mill, it being in Roanoke County near the Roanoke and Bedford line and that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed and that they have the right to convy the said road to the grantee, and that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances.

Witness the following signatures & seals

her
Elizabeth X Howell
mark
William T. Howell

Roanoke County to wit

I, William B Preston a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Elizabeth Howell widow of David Howell decd and William Howell whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 10th day of September 1861 ____ acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand the 19" day of September 1861

Wm B Preston JP

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke the 10" day of November 1861 this deed from Elizabeth and William Howell to Stephen W Wright was delivered to me, and with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon written admitted to record

Teste
T Claytor"

The 38th Virginia Infantry stated that Stephen Wright was a private in Company B of the 38th Virginia Infantry Regiment, enlisted on July 10, 1861, at Winchester, was present until absent on sick leave on February 2, 1862, and returned to hospital in the latter part of April 1862.

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Paulette Wilson stated that Stephen Wright was a private in Company D, Laurel Grove Riflemen, 38th Regiment, Armistead's Brigade, in the Civil War.

The death record of Narcissa Wright, consort of S. W. Wright, was dated on August 30, 1862, at Roanoke County, Virginia:

"Name in full: Narcissa Wright
Color: White
Sex: Female
Date of Death: Aug 30, 1862
Place of Death: Roanoke
Age: 20 yrs 2 mos

Name of Parents: Wash & Jas Richardson
Where Born: Bedford
Consort of, or Unmarried: S W Wright
Informant: S W Wright
Identification of Informant: Husband"

This record indicates that Narcissa (Richardson) Wright was born in about June 1842.

The death record of Walter S. Wright, son of S. W. and Narcissa Wright, was dated on October 25, 1862, at Roanoke County, Virginia:

"Name in full: Walter S Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: Oct 25, 1862
Place of Death: Roanoke
Age: 10 mos
Name of Parents: S W & Narcissa Wright
Where Born: Roanoke
Consort of, or Unmarried: S W Wright
Informant: Same
Identification of Informant: father"

This record indicates that Walter S. Wright was born in about January 1862.

36th Virginia Infantry stated that S. W. Wright enlisted on October 30, 1864, in Company K at New Market, was present until captured at Waynesboro on March 2, 1864, was a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware until released on June 21, 1865, was 5' 10" tall and had brown eyes and light hair. Copies of the muster roll records provided by Carol Jeffords identify this S. W. Wright as Stephen W. Wright and state the same information as in 36th Virginia Infantry with the correction that he was captured on March 2, 1865, and the addition that he was a resident of Roanoke County, Virginia.

On January 5, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/411 Stephen W. Wright purchased a tract of land from James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright:

"This Deed made the fifth day of January Eighteen hundred and Sixty four between James M Wright and Mary T. his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Stephen W Wright of the County of Roanoke and State aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth: that in consideration of the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to him in hand paid the said James M Wright and Mary T. his wife doth grant with special warranty unto the said Stephen W Wright all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of

Bedford and adjoining the lands of Stephen W Wright Jesse Howel and others, it being one of the tracts of land that was allotted to the said J M Wright in the division of P M Wrights Estate. Witness the following signatures and seals

James M Wright
Mary T Wright

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I S G Stewart a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright & Mary T Wright his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5th day of December 1864 personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same. And that Mary T Wright was examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Dec 5th 1864

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office January 20th 1864

This deed from James M Wright and Mary T his wife to Stephen W Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said office and together with certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 Decr. 31st 50¢ United States Internal Revenue Stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed and cancelled according to law.

Teste
A. A. Arthur C.B.C."

The marriage license of Stephen W. Wright and Margaret Jane Muse was dated on January 8, 1864, at Roanoke County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia - County of Roanoke to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Stephen W. Wright and Margaret J. Muse

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this 8th day of January 1864.

F. Johnston Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, January 12, 1864
Place of Marriage, at Mrs. Muses'
Full Names of Parties married, Stephen W Wright & Margaret Jane Muse
Age of Husband, 27
Age of Wife, 19
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single,) Widower
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single,) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County
Place of Wife's Birth, Roanoke Co
Place of Husband's Residence, Roanoke Co
Place of Wife's Residence, Roanoke Co
Names of Husband's Parents, Peter M & Susan Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, John and Susanna Muse
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 8" day of January 1864

F Johnston Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, that on the 12" day of January 1864 at the House of Mrs Susanna Muse I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Joseph E. Wheeler"

This record indicates that Narcissus H. (Richardson) Wright had died before January 8, 1864.

On November 27, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Stephen Wood Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp near New Market va
Nov 27, 1864

Dear Sister

I will write you a few lines with regard to Sylva if you want for yourself, next year you can take her as I had her this year. it dont suit me to keep her at home, if you dont want her let me know let me know anyway or I dont intend to keep her next year you may have my interest in her for $2000.00 and we will strike off even in the negro line or if that dont suit you let me know it may be to much I know nothing about how they are selling. I wrote to Margret to give you one third of the corn that I raised on som your land, I think that will be big rent. you can have the pasture this fall as I had it last spring, if you want it, if not you can charge me for pasture last spring and I will pasture this fall untill the stalks are picked let me hear from you soon you can also take charge of your lands as I am where I cant attend to it any longer than I get the crop geathered, you can attend to the measureing of the corn or get someone to attend to it for you. there is no news in camp this morning everything seems quiet Joel and Bassham are well. Bassham is improving I think very fast he had a light tuch of the mumps last week. tell Ma I would like to be there, as I guess she has butcherd some our rations are very good and plentifull

S. W. Wright"

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 Stephen W. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 Stephen W. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 Stephen W. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner,

transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 Stephen W. Wright and Margaret J. Wright, his wife, joined the other heirs at law of 1860 Peter Meador Wright in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

> "This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M

Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

On September 23, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/331 Stephen W. Wright and Margret J. Wright of Roanoke County sold nine hundred acres of land to James K. P. Wright:

"This Indenture made the 23 day of September 1868 between Stephen W. Wright, and Margret J. his wife of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, of the first part & James K. P. Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the second part Witnesseth that the said Stephen W. Wright & Margret J. his wife, for and in consideration of twenty five hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said James K. P Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by these presence doth grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said James K. P. Wright his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever all and singular that certain tract or tracts of land bought by us in the Spring of 1868 of J. P. Wright lying in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and bounded by the lands of Philip R Momaw S. G. Stewart Cornelious Pandy James C. Kasey Cornelious Horn - Corley & others containing nine hundred acres be the Same more or less, together with all the singular the tenements hereditaments and appertenances thereunto belonging and the reversions remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate title interest of the said Stephen W. Wright

& Margret J his wife to the said premises or any part thereof In Witness whereof we have heruto set our hands and seals this 23 day of September 1868

Stephen W. Wright
Margret J Wright

Roanoke County to wit

I A Pettyjohn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia do certify that Stephen W Wright whose name is signed to the writing herto annexed baring date of 23 day of September 1868 acknowledged the same in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 24th day of Sept 1868

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke To wit

We A Pettyjohn and John Trout Justices for the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do certify that Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid, personally appeared before us, in the County aforesaid and being examnd by us privly and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Margaret J Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 24th day of Sept. 1868

A. Pettyjohn JP
John Trout J.P

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 27th 1869

This Deed from Stephen W. Wright and wife to James K. P. Wright conveying real estate was produced in said Office, stamped with Two dollars and fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law and, together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, D. Clk."

On January 19, 1869, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/310 Stephen W. Wright and Thomas L. Bush purchased 5 acres of land from Charles A. and Ann E. Chewning:

"This Deed made this 19" day of January 1869, between Charles A. Chewning and Ann E. his wife of the first part and Thos. L. Bush and Stephen W. Wright of

the second part, witnesseth that in consideration of a contract made on the 3rd day of Febr 1866, and of the sum of Eleven hundred dollars, the said Charles A. Chewning and Ann E. his wife do grant unto the said Thos L. Bush & Stephen W. Wright, with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, bounded as follows, (being a portion of the tract bought by the said Chewning of Wm B. Preston) beginning at a white oak stump on Howells road & falling Creek, from thence a dividing line up the Creek as it meanders to the first ford above said stump, from thence along said road to the first black oak on the right hand side of the road, from thence (leaving the road) a straight line crossing the ridge to a pine on the road near the drawbars above the dwelling house from thence up the wagon road to the ford at the ford from thence up the creek to the outside line, thence with Bakers line & so on with other lines around to the beginning it being the southwestern portion of a tract of land known as the Stowell Mill tract, also a tract of land supposed to contain five acres bought of Wm T. B. Howell. The first named tract is supposed to contain One hundred thirty acres, both tracts to be the same more or less and adjoining the lands of Harvey Baker, Wm Muse & others for further information refer to a deed made by Wm B Preston & wife, dated 7" day of March 1868 & a deed made by Wm T. B. Howell & his wife & Elizabeth Howell dated January 19 1869, The said Charles A. Chewning covenants with the said Thos. L. Bush & Stephen W. Wright that he hath the right to convey the said lands to the said Thos. S. Bush and Stephen W. Wright, that he hath done no act to encumber the same, that the said Bush and Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance or incumbrance, and that the said C. A. Chewning & Ann E. his wife will execute such further assurances of the said tracts or parcels of land as may be requisite Witness the following signatures and seals

Charles A. Chewning
Ann E. Chewning

Franklin County)
State of Virginia) to wit:

We B. N. Hatcher and William P. Bond, Justices of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Charles A. Chewning whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 19" day of January 1869, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and we do further certify that Ann E. Chewning wife of Charles A. Chewning whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 19" day of January 1869, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and after being privily examined by us and apart from her husband and having

the writing fully explained to hger, acknowledged the ____ deed, and that she did not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this the 6" day of February 1869

B. N. Hatcher J.P.
W. P. Bond J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 4" 1869

This Deed from Charles A. Chewning and wife to Thomas L Bush & Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with one dollar and fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamps, cancelled according to law, and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles D. Clk"

On February 12, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/539 S. W. Wright purchased 4 acres of land from Robert and Esther A. Horn:

"This Deed made this 12 day Febuary eighteen hundred and seventy between Robert Horn and E. A. Horn his wife of the County of Bedford of the first part & S. W. Wright of the County of Roanoke and State aforesaid of second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to them in hand paid by the said S. W. Wright they do grant bargain and sell unto the said Wright with general warranty all that tract or parcel of land upon which I now reside supposed to contain four acres be the same more or less, being upon falling Creek & bounded as follows, begining at a gum in Jeremiah Wood line near a spring thence with Wood line to a poplar near a ditch thence leaving Woods line nearly west to the road on a ridge thenc with said road nearly South to corner pine thence nearly South to a corner pine in Bushes line thence nearly east to the begining. And they will warrant generaly the property hereby conveyed and that they have the right to convey the said land to the said grantee and that the grantee shall have quiet possession of said land free from all incumbrances Witness the folloing signatures and seals

Robert Horn
Esther A Horn

Bedford County we

Robt. E. Allen and John A. Moomaw Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby sertify that Robert Horn and the wife of the said Robert Horn parties to a certain deed bearing date 12 day of Febuary 1870 and herinto

anexed personaly appeard before us in our county foresaid and being examined by us privately and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said E A Horn acknolledges the same to be her act and deed and declares that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wishes not to retract it given under our hands and seal this 12 day of Febuary 1870

Robt E Allen JP

Bedford County

this day personaly appeared before me John A. Moomaw a Justice of the peace for the County appeared Robert Horn one of the parties to a written deed and acknolleges that he has signed sealed and delivered the same and that he wishes it to record given under my hand and seal this 12 day of Febuary 1870

John A Moomaw J.P

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office August 23rd 1870

This Deed from Robert Horn & wife to S. W. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The 1870 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Stephen Wright with the following household on August 16, 1870:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation
Stephen Wright	34	M	W	Farmer
Margaret J. Wright	27	F	W	At Home Keeping house
Ida Wright	6	F	W	At Home
Dora A Wright	4	F	W	At Home
Ellis Wright	1	m	W	At Home

Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year
6000	1740	Virginia Virginia Virginia Virginia Virginia			

Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

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On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/377 Stephen W. Wright and Margaret J. Wright and other heirs of Louisa F. Wright sold their interest in that estate to William W. Basham.

On March 23, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/523 Stephen W. Wright purchased the interests of Charles H. McManaway and Nancy A. McManaway, Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright, and James M. Wright and Mary T. Wright in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright:

> "This Deed made this the 23d day of March 1872 between Charles H McManaway & Nancy A. his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S. his wife, James M. Wright & Mary J. his wife and Susan Wright of the one part and Stephen W. Wright of the other part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred & sixty five dollars the said Chas H. McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S. his wife James M. Wright & Mary J. his wife and Susan Wright do grant unto the said Stephen W Wright all their right and interest in a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the upper end of the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of Capt French and others and containing one hundred & twelve acres more or less. It being the lands deeded By Christopher Neighbors to the late Peter M. Wright in his lifetime, and the said grantors hath this day remised released and forever quitted claim, and By these presents doth remise release and doth forever quit claim unto the Grantee his heirs and assigns all right title and interest whatsoever both at law and in equity to the lands and

premises herein granted. In witness whereof we do hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date above named.

Chas H. McManaway
Nancy A. McManaway
Joel W. Wright
Eliza S. Wright
James M. Wright
Mary T. Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford, to wit

We Robert M. Beard and William W. Thaxton Justices of the Peace for the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A. McManaway wife of Charles H. McManaway, Eliza S. Wright wife of Joel W. Wright and Mary T. Wright wife of James M. Wright whose names are assigned to the writing above bearing date on the 23d day of March 1872 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Nancy A McManaway wife of Chas H. McManaway, Eliza S. Wright wife of Joel W. Wright, and Mary T. Wright, wife of James M. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this the day and date above.

Robert M. Beard, JP.
Wm. W. Thaxton J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 20th 1881

This Deed from Charles H. McManaway and wife and others, to Stephen W. Wright, conveying interest in real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 24, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/391 S. W. Wright and Margaret J. Wright of Roanoke County sold 4 acres of land to Susan F. Wood:

"This Deed made this January 24 1873 beetween S. W. Wright & Margret J. Wright his wife of the County of Roanoke & State of Va of the first part & Susan F. Wood of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of One hundred & seventy five

dollars to them in hand paid by the said Susan T. Wood They do grant bargain and sell unto the said Susan T. Wood with general waranty all that lot or parcell of land bought by said Wright of Robert Horn in the year 1870 suposed to contain 4 acres be the same more or less being upon falling creek or adjoining the lands of J. Wood and others & bounded a follows, beginning at a gum in J. Woods line near a spring thence with Woods line to a poplar near a ditch thenc leaving Woods line nearly west to a road on a ridge thence with said road nearly south to a corner pine thence nearly south to a corner pine in Bushes line thence nearly east to the begining and that they will warrot generally the proper hereby annexed

S. W. Wright
M. J. Wright

Roanoke Co. State of Va.

I F. Rover a Notary Public for the County aforesaid do certify that Stephen W. Wright personally appeared before me in my County & acknowledged the foregoing deed dated 24th Jany 1873. And I further certify that Margaret J. Wright wife of S. W. Wright personally appeared before me in my County and after being examined privily & apart from husband acknowledged the signing of the foregoing deed, to be her act & deed, & that she had signed it willing & did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 22nd August 1873

Ferdinand Rover N.P. R.C.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 12th 1877

This Deed from S. W. Wright and wife to Susan T. Woods conveying real estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 29, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/262 Steven W. Wright and Margret J. Wright sold 133 acres of land to Thomas L. Bush:

"This Deed maid this 29th day of August 1873 betwen Thos L. Bush & Steven W. Wright and Margret J his wife of the first part and James Horn of the second part witnesseth that in consideration of a contract maid in the yeare 1866 and of the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars the said Thos L Bush & Stepen W Wright and Margret J his wife do grant unto said James Horne with general warrenty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford bounded as follows (being a

portion of the tract baught by the said Bush & Wright of said Chewning begining at a white oke stump on howel road and faulin Creek from thence a dividing line up the Creek as it meyanders to the first fourd above said stump from thence along said road to the first black oak on the right hand side of the road from thence leaving the road a strate line crossing the ridge to a pine on the road neare the drawbares above the dweling house from thence up the waggon road to the creek at the fourd from thence up the creek to Bakers line from thence with his and other lines around to the begin ing it being the South Western portion of a tract of land Known as the Howell Mill tract also the land bought of Wm T Howell lying south of road supposed to contain 3 acres (the right of the spring to be reserved in this deed for the benefit of S W Wright) The first named tract is supposed to contain onee hundred and thirty acres both tracks to be the same more or less Joining the lands of Harvey Baker & others for further information refur to a deed maid by Wm B Preston & wife dated the 7th day Mach 1868 and a deed maid by Wm T Howe and his wife and Elizabeth Howel dated 19th of January 1869 the said Bush & Wright covenants with the said Horn that they have the right to convey the said lands to the said Horne the said horne shal have quiet porssion of said land free from all hinderances or incumberances witness the following signatures & seals

Thos. L. Bush
S W. Wright
Margret J Wright

Roanoke Co. State of Va
To Wit

I Ferdinand Rorer a Notary Public for the aforesaid County do certify that Thos. S. Bush & Stephen W Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing deed dated 29th August 1873 personally appeared before me in my County and acknowledged the Same.

I further certify that Margaret J. Wright wife of Stephen W Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing deed dated 29th August 1873 personally appeared before me in my County and acknowledged the signature to the same to be her act and being examined by me privily & apart from Husband declared she had signed the same willingly & that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 18th Oct 1876

Ferdinand Rorer N.P.R.C.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 16th 1874

This Deed from Thomas L. Bush and Stephen W. Wright & wife to James Horn conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 27, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/362 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interest in the dower land of Susan Wright from William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham:

"This Deed made this 27th day of August 1874 between Wm W Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part and Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Five hundred & Seventy five dollars, the said Wm W. Basham & Susan J his wife, do grant unto the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty all of their interest in the dower land held by Susan Wright widow of Peter M. Wright deced The said Wm W. Basham covenant with the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright that they shall have quiet possession of said interest in the dower land aforesaid and that the said Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife will execute such assurances of said interest in said dower land as may be requisite. The sale of said interest in said dower land is subject to the life ownership of the said Susan Wright. Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Wm. W. Basham whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Susan J. Basham the wife of Wm. W. Basham whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by

me privily and apart from her husband and haveing the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 1, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/132 Stephen W. Wright purchased 61-1/2 acres of land from Sparrel H. Harris and Sarah Harris:

"This Deed made the first day of January Eighteen Hundred and seventy five between Sparrell H. Harris and Sarrah Harris his wife of the State of Missuria of the first part and Stephen W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one Hundred and twenty dollars, to him in hand paid the said Sparrell H Harris and Sarrah Harris his wife doth grant unto the saad Stephen W Wright with general warranty all that tract or parcel of Land situated lieing and being in the County of Bedford State of Virginia adjoining the lands of James C Kasey & others (It being the same deeded from Jonathan Siner and wife in February Eighteen Hundred & fifty one to said Harris) containing sixty one and one half acres, being the same more or less & Bounded as Follows. Beginning at a black oak on Bandys line corner thence N. 59 W. 69 Po to a stump thence off a new line S 56 W 35 Po to a white oak S 74-1/2 W 26 Po down a holow to a gum in the Branch thence down the Branch as it meanders to the mouth thence down the Big Branch as it meanders to Kasey's Line thence N. 52, E. 174 Po. to the Begining and that they will warrent generally the property hereby conveyed and that they have the right to convey the said Land to the grantee & that the grantee shall have quiett Possession of said Land free from all Encumberances Witness the following signatures and seal

Sparrel H. Harris
Sarah Harris

Acknowledgement.

State of Missouri)
County of Clay) ss.

Be it remembered, that on this fourth day of September A.D. 1875, before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County of Clay and State of Missouri, personally came Sparrell H. Harris and Sarah Harris his wife who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing and annexed instrument of writing, as parties thereto, and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned. And the said Sarah H Harris being by me first made acquainted with the contents of said instrument, upon an examination separate and apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the same and relinquishes her dower in the Real Estate therein mentioned, freely and without fear, compulsion or undue influence of her said husband.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in said County the day and year first above written. My Notarial Commission will expire April 1876; I was qualified May 16th 1872

Henry Smith
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court July 25th 1876

This Deed from Sparrel H. Harris and wife to Stephen W. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 26, 1876, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. J/109 Stephen W. Wright purchased a lot of land in Gish's Mills from Garman Gish and Rhoda Ann Gish:

"This Deed made this 26th day of January 1876 from Garman Gish and Rhoda Ann Gish his wife M. T. Vinyard and Mary H Vinyard his wife, and C. P. Vinyard and Mary J. Vinyard his wife heirs of Nicholas T. Vinyard Deceased of the first part to Stephen W Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of seventy dollars to be paid as follows. Seventeen and 50/100 dollars in six months, seventeen and 50/100 dollars in twelve months and thirty five dollars in two years, from January 21st 1876, for which the said party of the second part has executed his bonds, at six per cent interest per annum until paid, the said parties of the first part doth bargain sell and grant with

general warranty unto the said party of the second part one lot in a recent survey of town lots at Gish's Mills on the AM&O Rail Road in the County of Roanoke State of Virginia. Said lot is designated and described as follows No 3 on Block No 2, Fronting on Lee and second streets and contains one half acre. The said parties of the first part, hereby retain a lien upon said lot to secure the purchase money and hold the same subject to resale in default of payment in whole or in part.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Garman Gish
Rhoda Ann Gish
M T. Vinyard
M. H. Vinyard
C. P. Vinyard
Mary J Vinyard

County of Roanoke to wit

I D. E. Kefauver a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Garman Gish, Rhoda Ann Gish, by Garman Gish her attorney Michael T Vinyard, Mary H. Vinyard by Michael T Vinyard his attorney and C P. Vinyard whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date to the 26 day of January 1876 have acknowledged the same before me in my Couhty aforesaid. Given under my hand this 27 day of January 1876.

D E. Kefauver J.P.

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke to wit:

I, J. W. Gish a Notary Public for the County of Roanoke in the State of Virginia, do certify that Mary J. Vinyard the wife of C. P. Vinyard whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 26th day of January 1876, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Mary J. Vinyard acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February AD. 1876

J W Gish N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 17th day of April 1876. This Deed from Garman Gish & others to Stephen W. Wright bearing date on the 26th day of January 1876 was produced and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm. McCauley Clerk."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interest of Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon in the estates of Peter M. Wright and Susan Wright:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife of the first part & Steph W & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of Eight hundred dollars the said Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife hath this day sold unto the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd also their entire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright decd it being know as the Lemon lot in the divisions of the landed Estate of Peter M. Wright Decd, the said Lemon & wife covenant to warrant the title to said land with general warranty. The payments are one half in 12 months from date & one half in two year bonds to bear interest from date till paid. A Lien is retained on said land until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures & seals.

Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A. Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G. Stewart a Natary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Joel B. Lemon & Eliza A. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeard before me and acknowledged the same and the said Eliza A. Lemon being examined by me privily and apart from her husband & haveing the writeing aforesaid fully explained to her, acknowledged the same to be her act that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1877

This Deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife to Joel W Wright and Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court Certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interest of James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft in the dower estate of Susan Wright:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between James D. Craft & Mary J his wife of the first part & Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth: that in consideration of Three thousand dollars the said James D. Craft & Mary J his wife hath sold to the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd and thiere intire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright known as the Lemon lot in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also the entire tract of land drawn by said Craft & wife in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also certain personal property the whole of the land for the sum of $2,800.00 the personal property for two hundred dollars the payments to be made as follows One thousand dollars one year after date One thousand dollars two years after date One thousand dollars three year after after date the whole to bear interest from date till paid, the said James D. Craft & wife warrants the title to said real & personal property with general warranty a Lein is retained on said land untill the whole purchase money is paid. Witness the following signatures & seals

James D. Craft
Mary J Craft

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in and for the County & State aforesaid do certify that James D. Craft and Mary J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same before me, and the said Mary J. Craft being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Jany 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from James D. Craft and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/368 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interest of William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham in the Lemon lot:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Wm. W. Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part, and Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: that in consideration of One hundred & fifty dollars (paid by Joel B Lemon) to Wm. W. Basham The said William W. Basham hath this day sold to the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty his entire interest in a tract of land owned by Susan Wright Decd known as the Lemon lot drawn by Joel B. Lemon & wife in the division of the lands of Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures & seals Jany 29" 1876

Wm. W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in & for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me & acknowledged the same, and the said Susan J. Basham having been examined privily ande and apart from her husband, having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her by me, declared that she had willingly executed the same that it is her act & that she does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29 1876

S. G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife, to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/524 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interests of Peter M. Wright and Sarah J. Wright in the dower land and certain other property that was part of the estate of Susan Wright:

"This Deed, made January 29th 1876 between Peter M Wright & Sarah J. his wife of the first part and Stephen W and Joel W Wright of the second part, Witnesseth. That, in consideration of one thousand dollars, the said Peter M. Wright and Sarah J his wife hath sold to the said Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the Dower land of Susan Wright decd, and their entire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright known as the Lemon lot in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright decd, also one eighth of the personal property of Susan Wright decd, the payment for the above named property is to be cash, the said Peter M. Wright and wife warrants the title to said real and personal property, with general warranty. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Peter M. Wright
Sarah J. Wright

Bedford County to witt Va

June 8th 1876, this day Peter M. Wright personally appeared before me John H. Fuqua a Notary Public in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the above deed to Stephen W and Joel W. Wright dated the 29th day of January 1876, also Sarah J the wife of Peter M. Wright personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid apart from her husband after having the above writing fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

Peter M. Wright
John H. Fuqua N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 20th 1881

This Deed from Peter M. Wright and wife, to Stephen W Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate and personal property, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
John M. Speece D.Clk"

On September 15, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/357 Stephen W. Wright purchased 48-1/2 acres of land from Luther D. Haymond, as special commissioner:

"Whereas the Circuit Court of Bedford County; by its decree pronounced March 3, 1875, in the suit of "Carner &c. vs. Brown &c" depending in said Court, did direct that L. D. Haymond Commissioner should sell at auction the lands whereof James S. Carner died seized in Bedford County Va. Whereas on the 21st day of April 1875, the said Commissioner did make sale of said lands, when Stephen W. Wright, being the highest bidder became the purchaser of one undivided moiety of the tract of 48-1/2 acres of land so sold at the prices of $205, of which he paid in cash $25. and for the residue gave his bonds; and whereas said Commissioner reported said sales to the Court, which by its decree pronounced in said suit at the September term 1875. Confirmed said report and sales, and appointed said L. D. Haymond Receiver to collect said bonds and whereas the said Court at its March term 1876, did appoint L. D. Haymond a Special Commissioner to convey said land to the purchaser thereof so soon as the aferred payment of purchase money should be paid and whereas the said Stephen W. Wright has paid all of the purchase money for the said land, Now therefore this deed made the 15 day of September 1876, between Luther D. Haymond special Commissioner aforesaid of the first part and the said Stephen W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part in considiration of the premises, doth grant unto the party of the second part with special warranty, all of one undivided moiety of the tract of 48-1/2 acres of land aforesaid lying near Stewartsville in said County of Bedford & being the same land formerly owned jointly by James S. Carner and Wright H. Wright. Witness the following signature & seal

Luther D. Haymond
Special Commissioner

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit:

I Robt S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia certify that L. D. Haymond whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date in the 15 day of September 1876 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand September 16th 1876

Ro. S. Quarles C.BC.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from L. D. Haymond Commission to Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

In about August 1878 James L. Kasey, as administrator of the estate of Jessie Howell, sued Stephen W. Wright in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2707 regarding amounts due under a contract of land by Howell to Wright:

"To the Hon. G. A. Wingfield judge of the circuit court of Bedford County

Humbly complaining showeth unto your honor your orator James L. Kasey sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator of Jessie Howell dec that in the life time of his intestate he sold to one Stephen W. Wright a tract of land lying on the south west side of Bedford on the line of Roanoke County - containing ___ acres for the sum of $____ and a written contract as your orator is informed was entered into and signed by both parties setting fully the terms of said sale and your orator is informed and believes that the said Stephen W. Wright now has a copy of said written contract or the original thereof, but your orator has so far not been able to find any copy among the papers of his intestate. Your orator further represents that the said Stephen W. Wright took immediate possession of said land under said contract & has so been in possession ever since - that he paid some money to your orator intestate in his life time but how much your orator does not know - but he avers that there is still a large amount due from said purchase money from the said Stephen W. Wright which your orator is informed he is willing to pay whenever the exact amount is ascertained and a good title is made to said land to said Wright.

Your orator further represents that the said Howell left surviving him his widow Elizabeth Howell entitled to dower in said land and the following children & heirs

at law to wit: Susan J. Howell Joel G. Howell John Howell and Laura Howell (the last four infants under the age of 21 years).

Your orator charges that he has a right in a court of equity to have said land subjected to the balance of the purchase money due thereon after first tendering to the purchaser a good and sufficient title that the intestate of your orator not having executed any deed in his life time none can be tendered but the court will have to direct a conveyance on the part of the infant heirs & unless the widow is willing to relinquish her dower or look to other lands for it, she will have to take the present value of her said dower in money and the residue thereof be paid to your orator.

In tender consideration whereof & for as much as your orator is remediless save in a court of equity where such matters are properly cognizable & relievable your orator prays that Stephen W. Wright Elizabeth Howell, Susan J. Howell, Joel G. Howell, John Howell and Laura Howell (the last four infants under the age of 21 years) be by proper process made parties defendants to this suit & required to answer the allegations of this bill on oath, & especially that the said Stephen W. Wright answer and say what was the contract between him & your orators entestate as to the sale of said land & file along with his ensurer any paper he may have in relation thereto - how much and at what dates he has paid on said land - and how much is now due - that a proper title be made to said land to the said Wright upon his paying up the whole of the purchase money therefor and that in default thereof said land be resold for the residue of the purchase money due thereon - Grant the commonwealths writ of summons commanding &c and all such other further & general relief as equity & good concience may dictate and the nature of your orators case require and as in duty bound your orator will ever pray &c

Thurman p.q Jas. L. Kasey
shff of Bedford Co. & as such Admr of Jesse Howell dec"

Stephen W. Wright filed his answer to the complaint in File 2707 and alleged partial payment and that liens existed against the property which needed to be credited against the purchase price:

"The Separate answer of Stephen W. Wright, to a bill of complaint filed against himself and and others in the Circuit Court of Bedford County by J. Kasey, Sheriff of Bedford County, and as such administrator of Jesse Howell deceased.

This respondent, for answer to said bill, or to so much & such parts thereof, as he is advised it is necessary for him to answer, answering says, that it is true that on the 1st day of March 1871, he purchased of Jesse Howell, a tract of 67-1/4

acres of land - the land in the bill mentioned at the price of $14 per acre that he paid him $10 cash in hand at that time and an agreement was put in writing & signed by himself & said Howell, whereby he agreed to pay equal portions after residue of the purchase money on the 25 of December 1871-1872 & 1873 but it was further stipulated that "no part of the purchase money was to be paid until the land is relieved of all encumbrances on it, by judgment liens or otherwise, and when the second instalment is paid, the said Howell is to convey the said land to said Wright by deed with general warranty in which his wife is to unite(?) & relinquish her contingent right of dower" said writing is herewith filed marked "H." a part hereof. That respondent on the 19th of February 1872 paid said Howell $310.50 on said purchase money a receipt for which signed by said Howell, is herewith filed, marked "J.H." as part hereof. That respondent after his said purchase paid the taxes on said land for 1870 & 1871, amounting to $16.28 and in March & April 1873 sold said Howell two lots of clover seed at $18.75, for which Howell agreed to allow him credit, together with said taxes on said purchase money. An account of these payments amounting to $35.03, marked "A." is herewith filed.

Respondent avers that at the time he made said purchase the said land was encumbered by various judgment liens which have not yet been discharged. that said Howell died without conveying said land to him & his widow now claims dower in said land and as she is a comparatively young woman, her claim alone is a very serious charge on the said land. He has been anxious to pay for said land, but has been advised that he should not do so until he could receive a conveyance therefor, and have it freed from said encumbrances. He is advised that he is entitled to relief from the said dower claim by commuting the same in money, but he insists that such commutation should be provided for out of the purchase money due from the land, as it was a material part of his contract of purchase that he was to have a deed for said land, with the wifes relinquishment. And now having fully answered all &c respondent prays to be hence dismissed with his costs.

L. D. Hagnoud pq Stephen W. Wright by counsel,"

On February 7, 1879, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 36/211 G. E. Dennis, trustee, conveyed two tracts of land to Stephen W. Wright:

"Whereas Richard P Goad and Maggie S his wife did by deed bearing date 7th February 1879 and recorded in the clerks office of Franklin County Court on the 26th March 1879 in Deed Book No 33 page 223 convey to Geo E. Dennis their interests in the landed estate of Thomas Williams decd. (said interest being one seventh part) lying in said county, (But said interest was not to include the interest of said Goad & wife in that portion of the land of said Williams allotted to his widow as dower) in trust to secure the payment of certain bonds mentioned in

said deed as due from said Goad to Stephen W Wright and whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of said County made in the chancery cause of Williams vs Wade yet pending in said court the lands of the said Thomas Williams have been divided between his heirs at law allotting certain tracts between said heirs and leaving undivided a tract of 185 acres which was incapable of partition, and whereas the part which was so divided was so partitioned as to allot to the said Goad & wife a tract of 156 acres 1 rood & 4 poles by metes and bounds set forth in a survey made by Jesse Dillon and filed with the papers of said cause, and whereas the said Geo. E. Dennis did on the 9" day of July, 1883 in pursuance of the deed of trust, after advertising time place and terms proceed to sell by public auction the one seventh interest of said Goad & wife in the lands of said Thomas Williams (excluding their interest in the dower land) the same being the tract of 156 acres 1 rood & 4 poles aforesaid and one seventh interest in the undivided tract of 185 acres and the aforesaid Stephen W Wright became the purchaser thereof and has paid the full amount of the purchase money to said trustee - Now this Deed made this 10" day of July 1883 between the aforesaid Geo E Dennis trustee as aforesaid of the first part and the aforesaid Stephen W Wright of the second part, Witnesseth that the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of $493.00 in hand paid by the party of the second part, doth grant unto the party of the second all of the tract of 156 acres 1 rood & 4 poles aforesaid by the following metes and bounds to wit beginning at a white oak formerly a twin beam, on the north bank of Pigg River thence up said river as it meanders, N 42° 44 po N 38° W 10 po N 44° W 16 po N 46° W 10 po: N 55° W 24 po: N 78° W 17 po to a persimmon formerly a hickory, thence leaving the river with Turners line N 16° W 33 po crossing a branch where formerly stood a red oak N 50° W 45 po to a post oak thence with Meadows line N 60 1/2° E 27 po to a black oak N 84 3/4 E 82 poles to a fallen down white oak N 51° E 32 po to where formerly stood a chestnut E 6 1/2 po a small chestnut and sower wood in dower line and with it S 15° W. 28 poles to a forked chestnut oak N 86° E. 58 po to a spanish oak on an old road and with said road, and leaving it S 76° E 68 po to a spanish oak S. 59° E 26 po to a locust on the north bank of Pigg river thence up said river as it meanders, S 37° W 72 po: S. 77° W. 62 po: S. 6° W 64 po: S. 71° W 15 po N. 50° W 25 po to the beginning and also the interest of the said Goad and wife in the undivided tract of 185 acres aforesaid said interest being one seventh part thereof. And the party of the first part covenants that he will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed.

Witness the following signature & seal.

G. E. Dennis Trustee

Franklin County to wit

I Wm. A. Belcher a Notary Public for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Geo E. Dennis whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 10" day of July 1883 has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 19 day of February 1884.

W. A. Belcher N. P.

In Clerks Office Franklin County Court the 19th day of February 1884, this deed from Geo. E. Dennis, Trustee, to Stephen W. Wright, was exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste,
Jas J. Carper, Clerk."

On December 8, 1879, Matilda E. Howell filed a statement of her birth date in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2707:

"I Matilda E. Howell of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was born on the 2ond day of March 1836 and consequently was 43 years of age the 2ond day of March 1879, given under my hand this the 8th day of December 1879

Matilda her X mark E. Howell

Bedford County to wit

I Chas H. McManaway a Justice of the County aforesaid do hereby certify Matilda E. Howell whose name is signed to the writing above beaing date of the 8th of December 1879 personaly appeared before me in my County aforesaid and made Oath to the Correctness of the same, given under my name this the 8th of December 1879

Chas H McManaway J.P."

The 1880 Census for Roanoke County, Virginia, listed Stephen W. Wright with the following household on June 21, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Stephen W Wright	W	M	44		
Margaret Wright	W	F	36		Wife
Ida Wright	W	F	15		Daughter
Dora Wright	W	F	13		Daughter
Ellis Wright	W	M	11		Son
George Werts	B	M	17		Employee

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S				
S				
S				
S		Farm Laborer		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
1			Va	Va	Va
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On August 10, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/521 Stephen W. Wright purchased the interest of Peter M. Wright and Sarah J. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon, and James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright:

> "This Deed made this 10th day of August 1880 between Joel B. Lemon & Eliza A. his wife, James D. Craft & Mary J his wife, Peter M. Wright & Sarah J, his wife of the first part & Stephen W Wright of the second part. Witnesseth,

That in consideration of One hundred and fifteen dollars in hand paid, the parties of the first part do grant with general warranty to the party of the second part their entire part or interest (as distributees in the estate of the late Peter M Wright) in a certain tract of land in Bedford County adjoining the lands of Thos B. Board J. D. Meador & others containg one hundred & twelve acres be the same more or less, it being the same land deeded by Christopher Neighbors to the late Peter M. Wright in his lifetime. Witness the following signatures and seals date above written.

Peter M. Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A Lemon
Jas D Craft
Mary J Craft

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public for the County in the State aforesaid do certify that Peter M Wright & Sarah J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date August 10th 1880 appeared personally before me in my said County and acknowledged the same & the said J. Wright being examined by me privily and apart from her husband & having the said deed fully explained to he she acknowledged the same to be her act that she willingly executed the same and that she does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand August the 10th 1880.

S. G. Stewart N.P.

Virginia, Botetourt County, S.S.

I, George N Swann, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Joel B Lemon whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 10th day of August 1880 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that Eliza A Lemon the wife of the said Joel B. Lemon whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before me in said County, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Eliza A. Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 14th day of August 1880.

Geo H. Swann N.P.

Va. Franklin County, to wit:

I Geo W. Brown a Notary Public in and for the State & County aforesaid do certify that James D Craft & Mary J. his wife whose names are signed to the within deed bearing date on the 10th day of August 1880 this day personly appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be their act, and the said Mary J. Craft being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract. Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1881.

Geo W Brown
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 20th 1881

This Deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife and others to Stephen W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 11, 1880, Stephen W. Wright filed a supplemental answer to the complaint in File 2707:

"The supplemental answer of Stephen W. Wright to a bill of complaint exhibited against him & others in Bedford Circuit Court by James S. Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County & as such administrator of Jesse Howell deceased.

For further answer to said Bill, this respondent says that as appears from the record, the said bill was filed to enforce the specific performance of a contract for the sale of a tract of land in the counties of Bedford & Roanoke made in March 1871 by Jesse Howell to respondent. That Respondent filed his original answer and exhibited therewith the written evidence of said contract of sale. Said original answer & contract are prayed to be considered as part of this supplemental answer. Since said original answer was filed an account has been ordered & taken to shew the present value of the dower interest of said decedents widow in said land the liens on said land & the payment made thereon by this respondent.

Respondent further answering sheweth that while said land is described in said contract as lying in the said two Counties of Bedford & Roanoke there is nothing to shew what part thereof lies in the said counties respectively. that very great

uncertainty exists on this subject since the line between said counties where it passes through said land has never been located & defined. That this conveyance of said land to said Howell as well as preceding deeds therefor have been recorded in said Roanoke County & said land has been & is taxed only in said county. It has generally been considered that the greater part of said land was actually situated in Roanoke, but recent investigations lead your respondent to believe that much the larger part of said land, to wit, at least fifty acres thereof actually lies in Bedford. That the only judgments which have been reported as binding said land, three in number, appear to have been docketed in Roanoke, which an investigation of the records in the County Court Clerks office of Bedford discloses the fact that there are a larger number of judgments against said Jesse Howell docketed in Bedford County & this discovery was made since said original answer was filed. A list of said judgments, with remarks as to their apparent present standing marked X is herewith filed as part hereof. These are in addition to those already reported as aforesaid which are also docketed in Bedford. And respondent avers that the said judgments, which he believes are unpaid greatly exceed in amount, the entire balance due from him on said land exceeding in fact the entire price he was to pay for said land. But your respondent believes & charges that of the judgment of Fleming Feather reported as aforesaid much the greater part has been paid to Geo. Dunsmore to whom the same has been assigned that the sheriffs return on a fifa issued on said judgment shews payments amounting to more than $71. That the judgment of C. Aultenan was also reported was against said Howell as surety & responded has been informed & charges that it has been paid in full by the principals. That some of the judgments embodied in statement X are supposed to be against said Jesse, as surety for Abram Howell whether this is true or not respondent is not informed but there is depending in this court a suit of "Dennis v. Abram Howell, to subject the defendants land to plts judgments & most of said judgments have been proven in that suit but whether they can or will be paid out of any fund in that suit does not appear. But it is quite obvious even if said land shall be releived of liability for the judgments against Abram Howell that those against Jesse Howell far exceed the amount due for said land from respondent. Respondent is ready & willing whenever said land is "releived of all encumbrances thereon whether by judgment liens or otherwise" as provided in this contract of purchase to pay what he owes for the same and he is advised that he cannot be compelled to make such payment until the liens existing on the land at the time of the purchase & their relative priorities have been ascertained. At the time respondent paid the instalment of $310.50 on said land he was not aware of the extent to which it was encumbered & he paid said sum to Jesse Howell with the understanding that the amount should be applied to the extinguishment of certain of said liens. If it was to applied & your respondent cannot yet Let the Land "relieved of all encumbrances" he claims that he should have said sum refunded to him. Respondent is advised & charges that whatever may be due on the several judgments against said Jesse Howell aforesaid

constitute incumbrances at least so much of the land as is situated in Bedford County that much the greater part thereof is so situated that the amount of said incumbrances are in excess of the balance due for said land that the Pet. ought to be required take such steps by amending his bill & making the aforesaid judgment creditors of Jesse Howell parties & by further account or otherwise to shew the current amount of incumbrances on said land & that respondent cannot be required to pay any more on said land until the amounts & priorities of said incumbrances are ascertained and he _____ right if necessary for his protection.

_____ to d__ to have his contract of purchase rescinded & to have refunded to him the amount he has already paid on said land with interest. He has put valuable improvements on the land which, with interest on what he has already paid would be fair offsets to the rent of the land since he purchased the same.

Wherefore this respondent prays that he may have leave to file this his supplemental answer and that whatever amount he still owes on the land in question may be ordered to be so paid as that he may receive said land "relieved of all incumbrance thereon" or that his said contract may be rescinded & what he has already paid on said land may be refunded to him if it shall appear that the contract aforesaid cannot be specifically performed on the part of the heirs and personal representative of Jesse Howell and to this end may all necessary accounts be ordered taken and now having fully answered &c this respondent prays to be hence dismissed with his costs &c.

S. W. Wright By Counsel

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke to wit

J. D. E. Kefauver a justice of the peace in & for said county.

Certify that Stephen W. Wright has made oath before me in my said county that the matters stated in the foregoing answer so for as they are of his knowledge are true & that so far as stated on information, are true to the best of his knowledge & information & belief. Given under my hand this 11" day of August 1880.

D. E. Kefauver J.P."

On May 17, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/66 an acknowledgement of a deed dated March 23, 1872 (recorded at D.B. 53/523) was recorded:

"Bedford County to wit:

I Robert M. Beard, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Charles H. McManaway, Joel W Wright and James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 23d day of March 1872 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 23d March 1872

R. M. Beard J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office May 17th 1881

This deed from Charles H. McManaway and wife and others to Stephen W Wright conveying interest in real estate was again produced in said Office, and with the certificate of the acknowledgment of Charles H McManaway Joel W Wright and James M Wright dated thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
John M Speece Delk"

The marriage license of Ida Florence Wright and John T. Graves dated October 8, 1883, stated that she was the daughter of Stephen and Margaret Jane Wright, was 18 years old, indicating a date of birth in about 1865, and that she was born in Roanoke County, Virginia.

On May 19, 1885, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 37/292 Stephen W. Wright purchased 185 acres of land from Hugh Nelson, as commissioner:

"Hugh Nelson (a commissioner acting under a decree made by the circuit Court of Franklin County on the 19th day of May 1885 in the case of Williams & al against Goad and wife) of the one part and Stephen W. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that in obedience to said decree the said Hugh Nelson doth grant unto the said Stephen W. Wright with special warranty all that parcel of land situated on Pigg River in Franklin County embracing one hundred and eighty five acres two roods and thirty nine poles, be the same more or less and being part of the lands which belonged to Thomas Williams in his lifetime and at the time of his death and bounded as follows Namely beginning at a chestnut stump in the big gap in Cook's Knob thence S. 43 W 16 poles to where formerly stood a hickory S. 59 3/4° W 25 poles to a chestnut oak on the top of Cooks Knob thence S. 50° W 218 poles to where formerly stood a white oak on the top of Cooks Knob N 75° W 54 poles to a chestnut oak N. 12° E 56 poles to where formerly stood a spanish oak N 40 E 36 poles crossing a branch to where formerly stood a hickory now pointers N 20° W 24 poles to a hornbeam on a

branch N 16° E 37 poles to where formerly stood a dogwood on a road N 35 E 36 poles crossing a branch and Pigg River to a white oak formerly a hornbeam on the north bank of said River thence down the north bank of said river as it meanders S. 50° E 25 poles N 71° E 15 poles N 6° E 64 poles N 77° E 62 poles thence crossing Pigg River S. 47 1/2° E 118 poles to the beginning to have and to hold all of the said parcel of land to him the said Stephen W. Wright his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signatures and Seal.

Hugh Nelson

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 7th day of Sept 1885. This deed from Hugh Nelson a commissioner to Stephen W. Wright was acknowledged before me in my said office by the said Hugh Nelson and admitted to record

Teste
Jas J. Carper Clk"

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

"To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:

Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given above in connection with 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County.

The marriage license of Dora Annie Wright and Samuel Berry Wood dated December 20, 1886, at Roanoke County, Virginia, stated that she was a daughter of

Stephen and Margaret Wright, was 19 years old, indicating a date of birth in about 1867, and that she was born in Roanoke County, Virginia.

On June 28, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. R/562 S. W. Wright sold a lot of land in Vinton to G. W. Falls:

> "This Deed made this 28th of June 1888 between S. W. Wright of the first part and G. W. Falls of the second part both of the County of Roanoke State of Virginia Witnesseth
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> That the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred dollars and the interest on the same since April 16th 1887 receipt in full for which is hereby acknowledged doth sell and grant unto the party of the second part a Lot in the town of Vinton in said County consisting of a forty four foot front and of the same width across the lot: being a part of the Lot deeded to said Wright by Garman Gish, wife and others and described in his deed as No 3 on lot No 2 fronting on second Street, containing the house known as the Wright house and lying on the north side of said Lot.
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> The said Wright deeds this lot to the said Falls with Special Warranty as as witness my hand and seal this 28th day of June 1888.
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> S. W. Wright
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> County of Roanoke to wit:
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> I Giles Gunn a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certy that S. W. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date of June 28th 1888 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid
>
> Given under my hand this 28th of June 1888
>
> Giles Gunn J.P.
>
> In the Clerks office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 18th day of July 1888. This Deed was this day presented in said office and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.
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> Teste:
> C. H. McCaull Clerk"

The death record of Stephen W. Wright was dated on December 4, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia:

"Name in full: Steven W. Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: Dec 4, 1888
Place of Death: Roanoke County
Name of Disease or Cause of Death: Liver & Stomach
Age: 52
Name of Parents: Not Given
Where Born: Bedford Co Va
Occupation: Farmer
Consort of, or Unmarried: Married
Informant: J. F. Graves
Identification of Informant: Son at Law"

On December 17, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia, County Court Order Book H/438 John T. Graves was appointed administrator of the estate of Stephen W. Wright:

"On the motion of Mrs. Dora A. Wood, John T. Graves who made oath according to law and together with Dora A. Wood, and Ida F. Graves who justified as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Six Thousand Dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted to the said John T. Graves for obtaining letters of Administration of the estate of Stephen W. Wright deceased."

On December 17, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia, County Court Order Book H/438 appraisers were appointed for the estate of Stephen W. Wright:

"On motion of John T. Graves Administrator of Stephen W. Wright Deceased, Wm L. Bush, Charles Bush Isaac H. Huff, Wm. H Muse and M. P. Preston are appointed appraisers of the Personal Property of the said decendent, and it is ordered that they, or any three of them do, after being duly sworn, appraise in current money said personal property, and make report thereof according to law."

On December 17, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia, Court Order Book H/438 appraisers were appointed for the estate of Stephen Wright and Ellis L. Wright selected his guardian:

"At a County Court begun and held for the County of Roanoke at the Court House thereof on Monday the 17th day of December 1888.

Present the Hon. Wingfield Griffin sitting as a Court of Probate.

On the motion of Mrs. Dora A. Wood, John T. Graves who made oath according to law and together with Dora A. Wood and Ida F. Graves who justified as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Six Thousand Dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted to the said John T. Graves for obtaining letters of Administration of the estate of Stephen W. Wright deceased.

On motion of John T. Graves Administrator of Stephen W. Wright Deceased, Wm L. Bush, Charles Bush Isaac H. Huff, Wm H Muse and M. P. Preston are appointed appraisers of the Personal Property of the said decedent, and it is ordered that they or any three of them do, after being duly sworn, appraise in current money said personal property, and make report thereof according to law.

Ellis L. Wright being over the age of fourteen years, by leave of the Court, selected John T. Graves for his Guardian.

And thereupon the said John T. Graves entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Four Thousand Dollars conditioned according to law with Dora A. Wood and Ida F. Graves his surities therein who justified as to their sufficiency, and which bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein, is ordered to be recorded.

Ordered that Court be adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

W. Griffin"

This record in conjunction with Roanoke County Deed R/562 indicates that Stephen Wood Wright died between June 28, 1888, and December 17, 1888, at Roanoke County, Virginia.

On July 15, 1889, at Roanoke County, Virginia, W.B. 7/81 an inventory of the estate of S. W. Wright made on January 9, 1889, was filed showing a vaue of $3,842.30:

"A List of Personal Property appraised by Wm P Bush, Charles Bush and Isaac H. Huff, Jan. 9th 1889, and belonging to the estate of S. W. Wright deceased

23 Head Sheep @ 2.50	57.50
1 Yoke Oxen	60.00
1 " "	80.00
8 Milch Cows @ 18	144.00
13 Young Cattle	130.00
6 Calves @ 5.00	30.00

1 Jack Ass	300.00	
1 Bay Mare	90.00	
1 Iron gray Horse	115.00	
1 Bay Mare	60.00	
12 Fat Shoats @ 6.00	72.00	
3 Sows @ 6.00	18.00	
2 Mule Colts	113.00	
4 Colts	240.00	
1 Wheat Drill	10.00	1524.50
1 Grain Cradle	.25	
1 Corn Shiller	5.00	
Lot Pitch Forks	.75	
2 Half Bushel Measures	.50	
1 Lot Baskets	.75	
1 Cutting Knife	20.00	
1 Belt	1.00	
1 Old Buggy	10.00	
1 Wheat Fan Mill	2.50	
1 Old Mower	1.00	
1 Ox Wagon	20.00	
1 Two horse do	10.00	
1 Two wheel Cart	5.00	
1 Pr. Stretchers & Swingle Trees	.50	
1 Lot Chains	1.50	
1 " Double & Swingle Trees	1.00	
2 Harrows	4.00	
1 Set two-horse harness	10.00	93.75
1 Old Jersey Wagon	10.00	
1 " Johnston Mower	10.00	
1 Oliver Chilled Plow	5.00	
1 Broken " "	.50	
1 Old Plow	.25	
2 Double Plows	2.00	
1 Coulter	.25	
1 Old Cutting Box	.25	
1 Hay Frame	1.00	
1 Set 4 horse harness	20.00	
1 Wagon Saddle	2.00	
1 Citizen's Do	3.00	
1 Set Buggy Harness	5.00	
2 Old Riding Bridles	.50	59.75
2 Corn Knives	.25	
1/2 Doz Halters	2.00	
1 Patent Hay Fork	15.00	

2 Bull-tongue Plows	.50	
2 Coulters	.50	
1 Hill side Plow	1.00	
1 Set Blacksmith's Tools	15.00	
1 Lot Old Irons	2.00	
Lot Horse Shoes	4.00	
1 Grinding Stone & fixtures	2.50	
1 Draw Horse	.25	
1 Ox Yoke	1.00	
Lot Wagon Timber	5.00	
" Carpenters Tools	3.00	
1 Reaper & Binder	55.00	
1 Osbourne Mower	20.00	
1 Hay Rake	4.00	
1 Wheel Barrow	.75	131.75
2 Axes	.75	
Lot Hoes, Mattocks & Shovels	2.50	
Crow bar & Hole digger	2.00	
2 Old Scythes	.50	
1 Cider Mill	15.00	
1 Lot Old Bbls	1.00	
1 Iron Pot	1.00	
1 Do. Do	2.50	
2 Brass Kettles	6.00	
1 Sausage Mill	.75	
Lot Washing Tubs	.75	
1 Sand Sieve	.25	
Lot Molasses	12.00	
1 Plat Form Scales	2.00	
1 Lot Vinigar	6.00	
1 " Bacon	12.00	
1 Organ	30.00	95.00
1 Sofa	10.00	
1 Set Chairs	6.00	
2 Rocking Chairs	3.00	
1 Table	1.50	
3 Prs. Andirons	1.50	
14 Chairs	4.00	
1 Sewing Machine	12.50	
1 Wash stnd	1.00	
1 Shot Gun	3.00	
1 Bed stead	1.00	
1 Clock	2.00	
1 Lot Lamps	1.00	

1 Dining Table & Oil Cloth	1.50	
1 Lot Table Ware	5.00	
1 Small Dish	.50	53.50
1 Walnut Bedstead	8.00	
1 Castor	1.00	
1 Mirror	.50	
1 Bowl & Pitcher	.50	
1 Small Table	.25	
4 Bedsteads	5.75	
1 Walnut Chest	1.00	
1 Bowl & Pitcher	.50	
2 Mirrors	1.00	
1 Bureau	2.00	
1 Wardrobe	6.00	
1 Small Bedstead	.50	
1 Empty Cask	.50	
1 Cook Stove	8.00	
2 Churns	2.50	
1 Bedstead	.50	38.50
1 Spinning Wheel	.25	
1 Reel	.25	
1 Lard Squeeze	1.00	
1 Side Saddle	4.00	
1 Candle Stand	.25	
Lot Lead Pipe	.50	
" Nails	.60	
Lot Leather	1.00	
Lot Lumber on farm	32.00	
Also " " at Saw Mill	300.00	
Lot Clover Seed	35.00	
" Corn	100.00	
" Wheat	520.00	
" Shelled Oats	60.00	
" Hay	120.00	
" Shucks	3.00	1178.05
Lot Fodder	5.00	
" Rye	5.00	
Balance due on bond against Jas. G. Craft	100.80	

Acct against Thos. Bandy & Son	110.17	
Cash on hand	446.53	667.50
		$3842.30

Chas. L. Bush)
J. H. Huff) Appraisers
Wm. P. Bush)
J. T. Graves, Admr.

This Appraisement Bill was, this 15th day of July, 1889, returned to me, examined & approved.

Wm McCauley, Comr. of Accounts
of Roanoke County Court.

This Appraisement Bill was, this 10th day of August, 1889, filed in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, and admitted to record

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

On August 10, 1889, at Roanoke County, Virginia, W.B. 7/85 a list of sales from the estate of Stephen W. Wright was filed:

"Administrator's Bill of Sale of personal property, belonging to the estate of S. W. Wright dec. Sale made on Feb'y 5th 1889.

J. T. Graves, Admr.

Name of Purchaser	Articles bought	Price	Amt.
M. W. Chambers	Saw & Square		.05
J. S. Bush	Auger		.10
J. H. Huff	Wrench		.15
A. H. Turner	Brace & Bits		.50
G. F. McDonald	Auger		.25
Ellis Wright	Drawing Knife		.20
J. W. Harkrider	C. Saw		.75
G. B. Beard	Hinges		.50
J. H. Petigo	Spoke Shave &c		.60
Ellis Wright	1 Broad Axe		.30
J. H. Pedigo	1 Saw, Corn Knives &c		.40
J. A. Beard	Lot Tools		.50
J. S. Bush	Lot Tools		.15
Chas. L. Bush	1 Wood Saw		.30

Ellis Wright	1 Hole Digger	.15
M. W. Chambers	1 Shovel	.15
" " "	1 Mattock	.50
Chas. Bush	2 Hoes	.10
Ellis Wright	Shovel & Hoe	.25
George Keagy	Lot Tools	.30
T. H. Huff	Ice Hook & Hoes	.25
Ellis Wright	Spoke, Shave & Axe	.25
" "	1 Breast Tree	.05
" "	Rope	.05
" "	Grind Stone	1.80
" "	Draw Horse	.20
" "	Burch Screw	.30
Geo. Huff	Ox Yoke	1.00
	For'd	10.30
		10.30
Ellis Wright	1 Poll Axe	.50
Wm. Muse	1 " "	.20
E. Wright	Lot Old Irons	.30
" "	Set Blacksmiths Tools	16.00
W. J. Feather	Lot Iron	.80
E. Wright	Lot Steel	.30
George Huff	Lot Horse shoes	3.60
Ellis Wright	Stay Chains	.10
W. S. Greenway	Mowing Blade	.15
G. E. Thomas	Lot Wagon Lumber	1.80
" " "	" Do Do	1.70
" " "	" Axle Trees	1.00
Sam'l Wood	Tubs & Chest	.20
E. Wright	Wash Pot	2.00
G. H. Preas	Do Do	.15
S. B. Wood	Pot & Rack	1.20
" " "	Brass Kettle	6.25
J. A. Beard	Lot Lead Pipe	.35
E. Wright	Andirons	.10
George Huff	Lot Tools	1.40
S. B. Wood	3 Lard Cans	.10
E. Wright	2 Jugs	.10
W. S. Greenway	Lot Nails	.60
J. H. Huff	Lot Twine	.20
W. T. Kingry	1 Churn	.70
J. F. Graves	2 Old Saddles	.25
E. Wright	Cherry seeder &c	.80
S. B. Wood	1 Kettle	.70

Geo. Huff	1 M. Wrench &c	.30
E. Wright	Steelyards & Chain	.30
J. M. Preston	Knitting Machine	.10
	For'd	52.55
		52.55
S. B. Wood	1 Lard Squeeze	.35
J. W. Harkrider	1 Spinning Wheel	.35
E. Wright	Lamp Stand	.15
A. J. Howell	Wash Tub	.10
Jas. Flowers	Lot Nails	.25
E. G. Grigsby	Lot Do	.80
E. Wright	Basket &c	.35
Wm Fisher	1 Keg	.40
B. J. Carter	22 Cotton Sacks @ 17	3.74
S. B. Wood	Box Candles	.80
J. A. Beard	30 Empty fruit Cans	1.05
P. B. Stephens	Lot Carpeting	.25
Carter Wright	Lantern &c	.20
L. M. Foster	Lot tin ware	.05
E. Wright	" " "	.25
Sam'l Wood	" " "	.05
Wm Muse	" " "	.10
L. M. Foster	Apple Peeler	.05
C. E. Leonard	" " Brush &c	.05
E. Wright	Box Tin ware	.30
Wm F. Graves & Co.	Lot Leather	.85
J. A. Beard	Lot tin ware	.25
Sam. Wood	1 Churn	.25
J. S. Roberts	Basket & Bottles	.45
Sam. Wood	Fly trap & Irons	.80
" "	Table & Tin ware	.30
J. L. Gray	Lot Pots	.10
C. M. Ryan	Coffee Mill	.15
J. A. Beard	3 Chairs @ 35¢ each	1.05
J. F. Wood	Spade & Square	.30
O. W. Vinyard	1 Bed Stead	2.00
	For'd	68.69
		68.69
J. A. Beard	1 Bed Stead	1.75
Eugene Bush	1 " Do.	.75
Ellis Wright	1 " "	2.25
W. F. Kingry	1 " "	2.70
" " "	Wash Stand	.40
Sam. Wood	1 Bureau	1.40

J. W. Harkrider	Bedstead & Cord	.80
J. C. McFalls	Set Chairs	2.10
W. L. Baker	7 Chairs @ 37	2.59
E. Wright	One Pistol	.30
J. L. Gray	Satchel &c	.05
C. A. Giles	1 Trunk	.05
E. Wright	1 Mirror	.30
Mrs. D. A. Wood	1 Do	.30
J. A. Sanderson	1 Do	.30
J. H. Apperson	1 Shot Gun	3.90
Dora A. Wood	1 Castor	1.50
J. D. Oliver	Wash Bowl & Pitcher	.10
Wm. Fisher	Bowl & Pitcher	1.00
Dora A. Wood	2 Lamps @ 50	1.00
" " "	Pr. Steak Dishes	.70
C. R. Giles	1 Lot Dishes	.10
" " "	Lot Pitchers	.10
Dora A. Wood	2 Pitchers	.50
" " "	Lot Preserve Dishes	.25
C. R. Giles	2 Lamps	.20
Dora A. Wood	5 Spoons	.25
" " "	Pickle Dishes	.25
" " "	Lot Dishes	.25
C. M. Ryan	Lot Plates	.35
Dora A. Wood	China Ware	1.00
	For'd	96.13
		96.13
J. M. Preston	Lot Dishes	.10
Dora A. Wood	" Do	.2_
J. I. Roberts	Lot Plates & Cups	.2_
Dora A. Wood	Lot Goblets &c	.3_
G. C. Canley	Lot Glass Ware	.1_
Ida F. Graves	1 Syrange	.1_
Geo. Keagy	1 Do	.0_
M. M. Bowyer	1 "	._
Dora A. Wood	1 Clock	1._
J. H. Apperson	Powder & Shot	._
Dora A. Wood	1 Rocking Chair	1.00
" " "	1 Baby Crib	1.00
W. F. Kingry	Table & Cover	.95
Sam. Wood	Cook Stove &c	6.90
W. Fisher	One Basket	.10
Dora A. Wood	1 Sofa	10.00
" " "	1 Organ	51.00

E. Wright	Set Kane Chairs	5.40
" "	1 Rocking Chair	1.35
" "	1 Table & Cover	1.80
J. A. Beard	Basket & Shovel	.25
E. Wright	Andirons	.40
C. R. Giles	1 Bureau	1.20
E. Wright	1 Hammer	.10
J. A. Beard	2 Chairs @ 25	.50
S. B. Wood	1 Sewing Machine	19.25
Geo. M. Muse	1 Wardrobe	10.75
C. R. Giles	1 Bedstead	2.50
J. S. Morris	1 Table	.35
E. Wright	2 Baskets	.50
B. F. Moomaw	Pr. Scales	1.00
	For'd	215.08
		215.08
Ellis Wright	1 Meat Axe	.15
D. F. Roberts	Old Cider Mill	.30
Wm. F. Graves	1 Cider Mill	12.50
J. I. Roberts	Lot Casks	.25
Dock Vinyard	Lot Apples	.30
E. L. Wright	7 Bu. Clover Seed @ 4.00	30.00
" " "	1 Pat. Hay Fork	15.00
" " "	6 Haulters @ .60	3.60
" " "	Lot Chains	.25
Wm Obenchain	1 Bridle	.55
E. L. Wright	2 Do. @ .75	1.50
W. T. Ayers	2 Do @ .70	1.40
J. W. Walker	Lot Rope	.30
E. L. Wright	Set Street Harness	7.25
J. F. Foster	1 Horse Collar	1.00
J. A. Beard	1 Do Do	.55
E. L. Wright	1 Do Do	.50
G. A. Beard	1 Do Do	1.00
E. L. Wright	1 Do Do	1.10
" " "	" " "	1.00
" " "	" " "	1.00
S. T. Fellows	" Haulter	.70
W. J. Turner	Breeching	.25
Wm. Muse	1 Saddle	5.00
T. J. Burnett	1 Riding Bridle	.30
E. L. Wright	Pr. Lead Harness	2.25
J. A. Beard	" Harness	4.00
D. G. Wood	1 Saddle	2.00

E. L. Wright	1 Hay Frame	.25
Eugene Bush	1 Grain Drill &c	10.00
E. L. Wright	1 Jersey Wagon	15.00
	For'd	334.33
		334.33
S. B. Wood	1 Wagon	5.50
E. L. Wright	1 Ox Wagon	13.00
M. F. Carner	Lot Flues	.60
E. L. Wright	1 Ox Cart	3.00
S. B. Wood	1 Mower	13.00
S. M. Muse	1 Binder	31.50
E. L. Wright	1 Mower	23.00
D. F. Roberts	1 Hay Rake	5.00
E. L. Wright	1 Old Mower	.10
J. A. Beard	1 Wheel Barrow	.65
D. F. Roberts	1 Cutting Knife	.90
C. W. Overstreet	3 Plows	2.05
W. L. Baker	Lot Tools	.75
S. B. Wood	Lot Thribble Trees	.75
E. L. Wright	Lot Chains	2.10
J. A. Beard	" Swingle Trees	.30
D. F. Roberts	" " "	.80
J. A. Beard	" Stretchers	1.30
S. B. Wood	3 Coulters	.25
E. L. Wright	2 Plows	.25
" " "	1 Shovel Plow	.60
J. W. Harkinder	1 Do Do	1.60
J. N. Johnson	Lot Plows	.60
E. L. Wright	1 Chilled Plow	4.75
D. F. Roberts	1 Harrow	1.15
S. B. Wood	1 Cultivator	.50
E. L. Wright	1 Harrow	2.50
S. B. Wood	1 Corn Sheller	4.50
C. T. Vinyard	2 Measures @ .40	.80
E. L. Wright	2 Hay Forks .35	.70
" " "	1 Basket	.10
	For'd	456.93
		456.93
Wm L. Baker	1 Cutting Machine	24.50
" " "	1 Belt for same	1.35
R. L. Dearring	1 Old Wheat Fan	.25
G. D. Persinger	50 Bush Oats @ .38	19.00
D. F. Roberts	25 Bush Do @ .36	9.00
Dyer & Rieves	1 Bulk Hay	50.00

Jno. M. Wright	1 Do Do	12.25
" " "	Lot Straw	7.00
J. W. Harkrider	Lot Blade Fodder	4.00
" " "	" Top Fodder	3.26
J. A. Beard	50 Bu. Corn @ .50	25.00
P. N. Lemon	50 " Do @ .48	24.00
Geo. R. Gish	75 " Do @ .46	34.50
S. B. Wood	1 Mare (Lou)	73.00
E. L. Wright	1 Bay Mare (Belle)	75.00
W. C. Deaton	1 Horse Jube	110.00
Geo. R. Gish	1 Young Horse (Jube)	107.00
W. C. Bass	1 Bay Colt	105.25
S. B. Wood	1 Horse Colt (Grover)	80.00
J. A. Beard	1 Sorrel Colt	41.00
R. L. Dearring	1 Mule Colt	44.00
Gideon Persinger	1 Do Do	99.00
P. L. Terry	1 Yoke Cattle	69.00
E. L. Wright	1 Yoke Do	94.00
M. M. Rodgers	1 Cow	35.00
W. T. Kingry	1 Cow	18.00
M. M. Rodgers	1 Cow	25.00
" " "	1 Cow	20.00
S. B. Wood	1 Cow	28.50
S. B. Wood	1 Cow	28.50
Geo. McConkey	24 Sheep @ 3.35	80.40
S. B. Wood	1 Cow	24.00
		1799.19
		1799.19
Geo. McConkey	4 Steers @ 13.75	55.00
Dora A. Wood	1 Heifer	10.00
W. A. Saunderson	1 Roan Cow	25.50
George Huff	Lot Hay	7.76
E. L. Wright	10 Calves @ 5.85	58.50
Geo. McConkey	1 White Steer	8.50
E. L. Wright	2 Heiffers @ 6.25	12.50
Jas. M. Wright	2 Hogs @ 5.00	10.00
Geo. Keagy	3 Bu. Clover Seed 5.00	15.00
J. I. Roberts	3 " Do Do Do	15.00
E. L. Wright	Lot Old Iron	.05
S. B. Wood	Lot Straw	5.00
" " "	" Hay	12.50
E. L. Wright	Lot Hay	12.50
" " "	" Straw	5.00
S. B. Wood	" Bran	4.25

E. L. Wright	" Do	4.25
" " "	" Lumber on farm	40.00
" " "	" Do at Mill	153.75
S. B. Wood	" Lumber	153.75
" " "	35 Bu. Oats @ .36	12.60
" " "	Lot Short Corn	1.25
E. L. Wright	" " "	1.25
" " "	35 Bu. Oats @ .36	12.60
" " "	41-1/2 " Corn @ 48¢	19.92
S. B. Wood	41-1/2 " Do. @ 48¢	19.92
T. L. Bandy & Son	Lot Pork	20.57
W. A. Wallace	1191 Lbs. Pork	72.28
E. L. Wright	1 Bay Mare (Fly)	55.00
" " "	25 Bu Oats @ .37	9.25
S. B. Wood	8 " Grass Seed @ 1.00	8.00
		2640.64
		2640.64
S. B. Wood	25 Bu. Oats @ 37¢	9.25
Walker & Blackwell	Lot Bacon	11.38
P. C. Rosenbaum	Lot Rye	9.00
Dyer & Rieves	Lot Hay	127.36
S. B. Wood	2-1/2 Bbls Flour @ 5.50	13.75
E. L. Wright	" " " " "	13.75
Mason & Cook	516-09/60 Bu. Wheat @ 1.00	516.65
Merrill Fleming & Co.	Lot Tobacco	11.06
		$3352.84

J. F. Graves, Admr.

This Sale Bill was, this 15th day of July, 1889, returned to me examined and approved.

Wm. McCauley, Comr. of Accounts
of Roanoke County Court

This Sale Bill of the personal property of Stephen W. Wright, dec'd, was, this 10th day of August, 1889, filed in the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court, and admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On January 23, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. W/499 J. T. Graves and Ida F. Graves, S. B. Wood and Dora A. Wood, and E. L. Wright, as heirs of S. W.

Wright, sold a lot of land in Vinton to J. W. Vinyard, W. H. Mason, Jr., and Geo. R. Gish:

"This Deed, made this 23rd day of January 1890, from J. T. Graves and Ida F. Graves his wife, S. B. Wood and Dora A. Wood his wife, and E. L. Wright, heirs of S. W. Wright, deceased, of the first part, to J. W. Vinyard, W. H. Muse Jr. and Geo. R Gish, of the second part, Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred dollars with six per cent interest from March 20th 1889, to Jan 15th 1890, to them be paid in cash, the said parties of the first part doth bargain, sell and grant with general warranty unto the said parties of the second part one lot of land in the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Virginia, Said lot is described as follows No 3 on Block No 2 fronting on Lee and Second Streets (as laid out in town lots at the time of the survey made by Garman Gish's heirs and contains one half acre has forty four feet front of said lot running back the width of lot, lying on North side which was sold off by S. W. Wright in his life time to G. W Falls

Witness the following signatures and seals

J. T. Graves
Ida T Graves
S. B. Wood
Dora A. Wood
Ellis L. Wright

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, J. A. Marshall, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that J. T. Graves and Ida F. Graves, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, came personally before me in my County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of January 1890.

J. A. Marshall, J.P.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford to wit:

I, R. L. Dearring, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that S. B. Wood and Dora A. Wood, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, came personally before me in my County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand and seal this 12 day of February 1890.

R. L. Dearing, J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Roanoke)

I, Giles Gunn, a Justice for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ellis L. Wright, whose name is signed to the within writing, bearing date of Jan 23rd 1890 came before me in my County, and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 15th day of February 1890.

Giles Gunn, J.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 12th day of March 1890. This deed was presented, and with the certificates annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

On May 23, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, W.B. 7/122 a list of sales of personal property from the estate of S. W. Wright was filed:

"Bill of Sale of the Personal Property, belonging to the Estate of S. W. Wright, dec, made at decd's Bedford Farm, by the Administrator Nov. 13th, 1889.

Articles	Name of Purchaser	Price
1 Crow Bar	J. F. Graves	.35
1 Mattock	S. B. Wood	.20
1 Hoe	" " "	.05
1 Hoe	E. L. Wright	.05
1 Hay Fork	Wm Wright	.20
1 Swingle tree	S. B. Wood	.20
1 Log Chain	" " "	.50
1 Do Do	E. L. Wright	.30
1 Clevis	" " "	.10
1 Horse Collar	S. B. Wood	.95
1 Shovel Plow	W. B. Ferguson	.70
1 Chilled "	S. B. Wood	3.00
1 Lot Old Plows	J. F. Graves	.25
Hay Frame &c	S. B. Wood	.05
Hay Rake	W. B. Ferguson	2.00

Pr. Trace Chains &c	John Wright	.70
1 Grain Cradle	E. L. Wright	2.65
1 Do Do	S. B. Wood	1.10
1 Wagon	Do Do Do	8.25
1 Harrow	Thomas Foster	1.05
1 Lot Old Irons	S. B. Wood	.10
1 Bulk Hay	Jno. M. Wright	9.50
Lot Shucks	Geo. Muse	14.25
Lot Fodder	S. H. Dooley	1.20
Lot Top Fodder	J. W. Lyle	2.75
25 Bush. Corn @ 43¢	S. H. Dooley	10.75
100 " do @ 42	Geo. Muse	42.00
100 " " @ 42	Chas. L. Bush	42.00
145 " " @ re	E. L. Wright	62.35
86-2/3 " Short Corn @ 25	Wm. W. Basham	21.60
1 Fan Mill	E. L. Wright	.60
		$229.75

This Sale Bill was, this 23rd day of May, 1890, returned to me, examined and approved.

Wm. McCauley
Comr. of Accounts of
Roanoke Co. Court

This Sale Bill was, this 23rd day of May, 1890, filed in the Clerk's Office of Roanoke County Court, and admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

On May 23, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, Settlement Book 2/35 an accounting for the estate of Stephen W. Wright was filed:

"J. T Graves, Administrator of the Estate of Stephen W. Wright, deceased
In Account with the estate of said decedent

1889			
Jan.	17	To Cash in hand, belonging to decedent at his death	446.53
"	"	" " of T. L. Bandy & Son for cattle	110.17
Feb.	5	" Amt. of proceeds of sale of personal property of decedent at sale made Feb 5th, 1889	3352.84
Mar	8	" Cash received of M. F. Carner account	132.39
Apl.	22	" " " of W. D. Fields "	10.00

May	3	" " " of W. S. Woodford	"	10.00
May	18	" " " of Mr. Flowers	"	5.00
June	8	" " " of J. F. Nance	"	10.00
June	13	" " " of W. S. Woodford	"	10.00
"	"	" " " of John Kidd	"	8.00
June	18	" " " of W. T. Johnson	"	10.00
July	1	" " " of Wm. Crouch	"	9.17
"	"	" " " of Joseph M. Johnson	"	10.00
"	"	" " " of Walker Bros	"	10.00
"	"	" " " of Wm. Fisher	"	5.00
"	"	" " " of Samuel Chitwood	"	4.00
July	22	" " " of W. C. Anderson for tobacco sold		27.38
Aug	14	" " " of J. W. Watts account		18.00
"	"	" " " of George Jones "		18.00
"	"	" " " of P. Johnson "		20.00
"	"	" " " of D. C. Ashville "		10.00
"	"	" " " of Wm. Arthur "		10.00
Sept	23	" " " of John Watts "		9.00
"	"	" " " of Riley Spradlin "		10.00
"	"	" " " of J. M. Carter "		10.00
Nov.	7	" " " of T. J. Johnson "		10.00
"	13	" " " of W. W. Basham "		25.08
"	"	" Amt. of sale of personal property made this day, at the farm of decedent, in Bedford County		229.75
Dec.	23	" Cash received of T. Craghead account		10.00
1890				
Jan	20	" " " of Graves Craft amount of bond		112.39
"	"	" " " of Mrs. John Crautz account		10.00
Feb	22	To Cash received of Samuel Chitwood		4._
"	"	" " " of Mr. Flowers		3._
		Amount of debits carried forward		$4679._
		Amount of debits brought forward		4679._
1890				
Feb	22	To Cash received of William Fisher account		44._
Mar	24	" " " of J. R. Nichols		5._
May	13	" " " of J. T. Graves Acct. $200.00, with interest from Oct 27, 88 to May 27, 90, to wit: 19.00		219._
				$4948._

188		Cr.		
Dec.	10	By Cash pd premium on life policy	9.00	
"	"	" " " J. M. Oakey, Cr for burial casket	45.00	
"	"	" " " Jerry Compton acct. for services	15.25	
"	"	" " " Lelia Fisher	6.55	
"	17	" " " G. A. Turner, Notary Public	1.00	

"	"	" " "	S. S. Brooke, Clerk's fee and tax on seal	1.40	
1889					
Jan. 5		" " "	S. B. Wood for wages	25.00	
Jan	11	" " "	Anderson Ross	4.43	
"	"	" " "	Subscription Salem Times Register	.60	
"	"	" " "	Koiner & Gale Acct.	12.50	
"	"	" " "	Dr. George T. Walker Acct	18.00	
"	28	" " "	R. A. Johnson	14.50	
Feb	4	" " "	Salem Times Register for ad. sale	11.00	
"	6	" " "	M. F. Huff Auctioneer's fee	10.00	
"	8	" " "	Assessment Fire Ins. Association	3.37	
"	11	" " "	R. A. Langhon bond & Acct	259.38	
"	12	" " "	W. P. Huff & Co. Acct.	2.00	
"	13	" " "	A. L. Dickinson & Co. Acct	2.28	
"	18	" " "	Bush & Turner for sawing lumber	101.74	
"	28	" " "	P. H. McCaull Clerk's fees	8.00	
Mar.	6	" " "	Dr. G. B. Vogel	33.10	
"	20	" " "	E. L. Wright to equalize share with other heirs	86.45	
"	"	" " "	Mrs. Dora A. Wood		
		" " "	" "	66.77	
"	"	" " "	J. W. Jones & Bro. bal. acct.	.19	
Aprl	17	' " "	S. Griffin, Atty.	10.00	
"	"	" " "	W. T. Drewry Acct.	1.18	
"	30	" " "	John M. Speese Clerk's fees	3.40	
			Amount carried forward	$752.00 Dr.	$494__ D__
			Amounts brought forward	$752.09	$494__
May	3		By Cash pd. Appraiser's Acct.	22.00	
"	6	" " "	tax for year 1888, on lot at Stewartsville & Old Place farm	12.62	
"	24	" " "	Bedford Democrat for ad. sale	2.50	
"	27	" " "	W. H. Fralin Acct.	.88	
May	27		By Cash pd. taxes on Franklin farm for '88	18.20	
"	28	" " "	Lynchburg News Acct.	9.27	
June	24	" " "	taxes on Craft lot for '88	10.32	
"	"	" " "	Sheriff's ticket	.50	
"	"	" " "	Harrison Bowles for grain cradle	3.60	
July	1	" " "	Wm. Crouch Smith's Acct.	15.37	
"	3	" " "	Evans & Chalmers Acct.	10.93	
"	15	" " "	Wm. McCauley, Comr. of Accts. fee	.50	
Sept	16	" " "	T. Johnson Acct.	21.00	
"	"	" " "	for Monument	165.00	
"	"	" " "	J. D. Craft and wife on Judgmt. against		

			P. M. Wright's Admrs.	100.00	
Oct.	1	"	" " Dexter A. Smith note	66.25	
Nov.	1	"	" " for ad property at Bedford farm	1.00	
"	13	"	" " M. L. Mitchell Acct.	3.51	
"	"	"	" " W. H. Powers Auctioneer	2.50	
"	24	"	" " J. D. Craft & wife on Judgmt against		
			P. M. Wright's Admrs.	30.98	
"	"	"	" " taxes on Franklin land for '89	17.33	
1890					
Jan	8	"	" " one-half tax on land in name of S. W. &		
			J. W. Wright	11.39	
"	"	"	" " tax on Craft land	10.34	
"	"	"	" " tax on 24¼ & 61½ A. land	3.08	
"	"	"	" " Thomas B. Board Acct.	.90	
"	20	"	" " J. D. Craft & wife on Judgmt. against		
			P. M. Wright's Admrs.	112.39	
Feb.	24	"	" " O. C. Rucker for services in arbitration	7.50	
Mar.	24	"	" " J. L. Campbell " " "	40.00	
"	"	"	" " Burks & Campbell, Attorneys	20.00	
"	"	"	" " tax on personal prop. for '89	26.80	
		Amts. carried forward		$1498.75	$4948.19
				Cr.	Dr.
		Amounts brought forward		$1498.75	4948.19
1890					
May	20	By Cash pd. J. D. Craft & wife on Judgmt.			
		against P. M. Wright's Admrs.		143.96	
"	21	"	" " J. M. Wright amt. due on Settlement	14.40	
"	22	"	" " Roanoke Times Acct.	1.10	
"	23	" Coms on $4948.19 at 5% to Admr.		247.40	$1905.61
"	"	Bal. due Estate by Admr. this day			$3042.58

Office of Commissioner of Accts. Roanoke Co. Ct. May 23, '90 After having given notice according to law, I have prepared the foregoing statement of the account of J. S. Graves, Administrator of Stephen W. Wright, deceased, from papers and vouchers laid before me by said Administrator.

Respectully submitted
Wm. McCauley, Comr. of Accounts."

On July 10, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 65/257 the heirs of Stephen W. Wright sold 156 acres of land to Ida F. Graves:

"This deed made this the 10th day of July, 1890, between Samuel B. Wood and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L. Wright of the first part, and Ida F. Graves, the wife of John T. Graves, of the second part;

Whereas Stephen W. Wright departed this life intestate, seised and possessed of real and personal estate, surviving him as his only heirs at law the said Ida F Graves, Dora A. Wood and Ellis L. Wright, and said heirs have divided said real estate amongst themselves, and agreed to make mutual conveyances with covenants of general warranty in each, and on such division the said Ida F. Graves received the five tracts of land hereinafter mentioned and conveyed, and also a lot in Vinton, Roanoke County Va, which last-named lot has been sold by the said Ida F. Graves and her husband and conveyed to the purchaser by said heirs - the whole of the real estate, including said lot at Vinton, so received as aforesaid by the said Ida T. Graves being valued at the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars: And the parties of the first part being now ready & willing to convey said five tracts of land to the said Ida F. Graves -

Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises the said Samuel V. Wood and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L. Wright, do grant and convey unto the said Ida F. Graves, with general warranty All of their estate, title and interest - being two thirds undivided - in the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit:

1. One tract of One hundred & fifty six acres, one rood and four poles, and an undivided one seventh interest in another tract of One hundred and eighty five acres being the same lands conveyed to the said Stephen W. Wright by Geo. E. Dennis, trustee, by deed bearing date 10th day of July, 1883, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Franklin County in deed book No 36 page 211 - said lands being situate in Franklin County.

2. One other tract situate in said County of Franklin conveyed to said Stephen W. Wright, by Hugh Nelson Commissioner, containing one hundred and eighty five acres, two roods and thirty nine poles - said last mentioned deed bearing date on the 25th day of May 1885, and of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed book No 37 page 291.

3 One other tract, situate in the County of Bedford, Virginia, Containing sixty one and one half acres, conveyed to the said Stephen W. Wright by Sparrell H. Harris & wife, by deed bearing date on the first day of January, 1875, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, in deed book WW page 132.

4 One undivided moiety of one other tract of land, situate in Bedford County Va, containing forty eight & one half acres, conveyed to the said Stephen W.

Wright, by Luther D. Haymond, Special Commissioner, by deed bearing date the 15th day of September, 1876, of record in said Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court, in deed book WW page 357

5. One other tract, situate in Bedford County, Va. containing one hundred and twelve acres, conveyed to the said Stephen W. Wright by Peter M. Wright and wife and others, by deed bearing date on the 10th day of August, 1880, of record in the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court, in deed book No 53 page 521

Reference is made to the foregoing deeds for a more particular description of said several tracts of land & the metes and bounds, courses and distances thereof Witness the following signatures and seals

S B Wood
Dora A. Wood
Ellis L. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

I R L Dearing A Justice for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia, do certify that S. B. Wood & Dora A Wood whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 10 day of July 1890 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14 day of Aug 1890.

R. L. Dearing, J.P.

State of Virginia)
City of Roanoke) To Wit

I Samuel I. Spiggle a Notary Public in and for the City aforesaid in the State of Virginia do Certify that Ellis L. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 10th day of July 1890 acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid

Given under my hand this the 23d day of August 1890.

Samuel J. Spiggle N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 8th, 1890

This Deed from Samuel B. Wood and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L Wright to Ida F Graves conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto Annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

This record identifies the family of Stephen W. Wright as follows:

Children: 1) Ida F. (Wright) Graves,

2) Dora A. (Wright) Wood, and

3) Ellis L. Wright.

On July 10, 1890, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 42/471 the children of Stephen Wright sold sold five tracts of land to Ida F. Graves:

"This Deed made this the 10th day of July 1890 between Samuel B Wood and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L. Wright of the first part, and Ida F. Grave the wife of John D Grave of the second part. Whereas Stephen W Wright departed this life intestate seised and possessed of real and personal Estate surviving him as his only heirs at law the said Ida F Graves, Dora A Wood and Ellis L Wright and said heirs have divided said real estate amongst themselves and agreed to make mutal conveyances with covenants of general warranty in each, and on such division the said Ida F Graves received the five tracts of land hereinafter mentioned, And conveyed also a lot in Vinton Roanoke County Va, which last named lot has been sold by the said Ida F Graves and her husband and conveyed to the purchaser by said heirs - the whole of the real Estate including said lot at Vinton so received as aforesaid by the said Ida F Graves being valued at the sum of Thirteen hundred and twenty dollars-; And the parties of the first part being now ready & willing to convey said five tracts of land to the said Ida F. Graves Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises the said Samuel V Wood and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L Wright do grant and convey unto the said Ida F Graves with general warranty, all of their Estate right title and interest - being two thirds undivided in the following tracts or parcels of land to wit:

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S. B. Wood
Dora A Wood
Ellis L. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I R L Dearing a Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that S B Wood & Dora A Wood whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 10th day of July 1890 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 14th day of Aug. 1890

R L Dearing J.P."

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing

the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

> "To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.
>
> Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.
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> . . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

The marriage license of Ellis Lyman Wright and Julia Emily Day dated on November 10, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, stated that he was the son of Stephen and Margaret Wright, was 21 years old, indicating a date of birth in about 1869, and that he was born in Roanoke County, Virginia.

On about September 4, 1891, the court in File 2707 ordered an accounting of the liens on the property:

> "In the Clerks Office of the Circuit Court of Bedford County September 4th 1891.
>
> James S. Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County and as such Administrator of Jesse Howell deceased. Plaintiff

against
Stephen W. Wright, Elizabeth Howell, Susan J. Howell Joel G. Howell, John Howell and Laura Howell, the last four infants under the age of twenty one years by R D Buford their Guardian ad litem Defendants.

In Chancery.

An order of the Judge of the said Court made in this cause was this day received by the Clerk Clerk of the said Court in the vacation of the Court being now entered of record in the order book of the said Court is in the words and figures following towit.

'In vacation of Bedford Circuit Court.

Howell's Adm)
vs.) Note for Decree
Wright &c)

This day this cause which was submitted to the Judge of this Court for such decision and decree in vacation as might be make in term, case on to be heard on the papers formerly read and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof and the Judge of this Court being of the opinion that the defendants who are the heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased, have a right to have the purchase money of the tract of land in the bill mentioned applied towards the payment of the liens on said land in order to clear the title thereto, doth adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court with instructions to take an account of all the liens outstanding and unpaid on said tract of land and their relative priorities of any, but before taking said account that said Commissioner give notice of the time and place of taking same to the parties to this suit and to the several creditors mentioned in exhibit X filed with the answer of Stephen W. Wright in this cause and further that he publish notice of the time and place of taking said accounts in one of the newspapers published in the town of Bedford City, Virginia, for four successive weeks before taking said accounts and on the coming in of the report of said Commissioner the Court will make such decree as may be necessary to protect the heirs of said Stephen W. Wright against liens exhisting on said tract of land at the time of his purchase.

To John M Speece Esq.)
Clerk of Bedford)
Cir Ct.)
Sept 4th 1891.)

J D Horsley

Teste.
John M Speece Clerk
A Copy Teste
John M Speece Clerk

On December 5, 1891, in File 2707 William H. Powers was substituted as administrator of the estate of Jessie Howell for James S. Kasey, who had died:

"1891 Dec. 5th

It being suggested that James S. Kasey late Sheriff of Bedford County and as such Administrator of Jesse Howell deceased has departed this life and that one Wm. H Powers has qualified as Administrator of the said Jesse Howell, by consent of the said Wm. H Powers Admr it is ordered that hereafter this cause proceed in the name of the said Wm. H. Powers Administrator aforesaid. And thereupon and by Consent of parties it is ordered that this cause be submitted to the Judge of this Court for such decision and decree therein in vacation as might be made in term."

On June 20, 1892, the court in File 2707 entered an order in File 2707 noting the death of Stephen W. Wright and listing his heirs:

"1892, June 20th

It being suggested to the Court that the defendant Stephen W. Wright has departed this life intestate surviving him as his only heirs at law, Ida F. Graves, wife of John T. Graves, Dora A. Woods, wife of Samuel Wood and Ellis L. Wright, and that the said John T. Graves is the Administrator of the personal estate of the said Stephen W. Wright, on the motion of the Complainant and by consent of said heirs and administrator by Counsel in open Court it is ordered that this cause be reviewed and hereinafter proceeded in against the said Jno T. Graves and Ida F. Graves his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. Woods, his wife, Ellis L. Wright and the said Jno T. Graves, Administrator of the personal estate of Stephen W. Wright deceased as parties defendants in this suit and thereupon this day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of J. Martes Smith, one of the Commissioners of this Court, to which report there is no exception and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth sustain said exception and by agreement in open Court the judgment of Isaac James is compromised and settled at one hundred and fifty dollars as of this date, and the Court doth appoint M. P. Burks

a Commissioner in this cause to receive and collect of the said Administrator and heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased, the balance of purchase money due for the tract of land in the bill mentioned But the said M. P. Burks shall not act as such Commissioner until he shall have first entered into bond with good security to be affirmed by the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of Fifteen hundred dollars with condition for the faithful discharge by him of his duties as such Commissioner. And it being suggested to the Court that the said Stephen W. Wright in his life time acquired the dower interest of Elizabeth Howell widow of Jesse Howell deceased in the tract of land in the bill mentioned the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court with instructions to enquire and ascertain whether said Stephen W. Wright in his life time or his Administrator or heirs since his death have acquired said dower interest and what amount is still due on the bonds given for the purchase price of the tract of land in the bill mentioned But before making such enquiry the said Commissioner shall give notice of the time and place of making the same to the complainant the said Elizabeth Howell and the Administrator and heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased and the said Administrator and heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased are authorized to pay to the said M. P. Burks Commissioner the balance due for the purchase price of the trace of land in the bill mentioned and upon payment of the balance admitted by the complainant to be due on said purchae price and filing the receipt of said Commissioner therefor amongst the papers in this cause the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that M. P. Burks who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do by proper deed convey the tract of land in the bill mentioned to the said Ida F. Graves, Dora A. Woods and Ellis L. Wright or to whom they may appoint."

On August 29, 1892, M. P. Burks in File 2707 filed his bond as security for his work as commissioner:

"Know all men by these presents, that we, M. P. Burks and E. C. Burks are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this the 29th day of August 1892

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas in a suit in Chancery pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the name of James S. Kasey Sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator of Jesse Howell deceased, Plaintiff against, Stephen W. Wright, Elizabeth Howell, Susan J. Howell, Joel G. Howell, John Howell, and Laura Howell the last four infants under the age of twenty one years, by R. D. Buford their Guardian ad litem, Defendants, a decree was pronounced by said Court in said cause on the 20th day of June 1892,

appointing the above named M. P. Burks a Commissioner for purposes in said decre mentioned, which decree is in the words and figures following towit;

'It being suggested to the Court that the defendant Stephen W. Wright has dparted this life intestate surviving him as his only heirs at law Ida F. Graves wife of John T. Graves, Dora A. Woods wife of Samuel Woods and Ellis L. Wright, and that the said John T. Graves is administrator of the personal estae of the said Stephen W. Wright on the motion of the complainant and by consent of said heirs and administrator by Counsel in open Court it is ordered that this cause be revived and hrereinafter proceeded in against the said John T. Graves and Ida F. Graves his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. Woods his wife, Ellis L. Wright and the said John T. Graves administrator of the personal estae of Stephen W. Wright deceased, as parties defendants in his suit. And thereupon this day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of J. Waites Smith, one of the Commissioners of this Court to which report there is not exceptions and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth sustain said exception and by agremnt in open Court, the judgement of Isaac James is compromised and settled at one hundred and fifty dollars as of this date, and the Court doth appoint M. P. Burks a Commissioner in this cause to recieve and collect of the said administrator and heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased, the balance of the purchase money due for the tract of land in the bill mentioned. But the said M. P. Burks shall not act as such Commissioner until he shall have first entered into bond with good security to be approved by the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of Fifteen hundred dollars with condiion for the faithfull discharge by him of his duties as such Commissioner. And it being suggested to the Court that the said Stephen W. Wright in his life time acquired the dower interest of Elizabeth Howell widow of Jesse Howell deceased, in the tract of land in the bill mentioned the Cort doth further adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court with instructions to inquire and ascertain whether Stephen W. Wright in his life time or his administrator heirs since his death have acquired said dower interest, and what amount is still due on the bonds given or the purchase price of the tract of land in the bill mentioned. But before making such inquiry the said Commissioner shall give notice of the time and place of making the same to the complainant the said Elizabeth Howell and the administrator of Stephen W. Wright deceased. And the said administrator and heirs of Stephen W. Wright deceased, are authorized to pay to the said M. P. Burks Commissioner the balance due for the purchase price of the tract of land in the bill mentioned, and upon payment of the balance admitted by the complainant to be due on said purchase price and filing the receipt of Commissioner therefor amongst the papers in this cause, the Court doth further adjudge order and deree that M. P. Burks who is herby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do by proper deed convey the tract of land in the bill mentioned to the said Ida F. Graves Dora A. Woods and Ellis L. Wright or to whom they may appoint'

Now if the above bound M. P. Burks shall faithfully discharge his duties as Commissioner as aforesaid according to law, then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue. The obligors hereto hereby severally waive the benefit of their homestead exemption as to the obligation of this bond and also severally waive any claim right or privelege to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising under this bond or by virtue of said office post or trust with coupons detached from bonds of this State.

Signed, sealed and) M. P. Burks
acknd in presence of) E. C. Burks
John Buckner)
D. Clerk.)

In Bedford Circuit Court Clerks Office August 29th 1892 This day E. C. Burks the surety to the foregoing bond personally appeared before me and made oath that after the payment of all his just debt and those for which he is bound as security and will probally have to pay his state is worth more than Fifteen hundred hundred dollars the penalty of the said bond

John Buckner
D. Clerk

In Bedford Circuit Court Clerks Office August 29th 1892 This bond was this day acknowledged before me by the obligors thereto and is approved and admitted to record

Teste?
John Buckner D. Clerk.
a copy Teste
John M. Speece Clerk."

On September 23, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, Settlement Book 2/159 John T. Graves filed an accounting for the estate of Stephen W. Wright:

"J. T. Graves, Administrator of the Estate of Stephen W. Wright, deceased
In account with the Estate of said decedent.

1890			
May	23	To bal. in hands of Admr, this day as shown by former settlement	3,042.58
"	"	" Int. on same from May 23, 90 to Sep. 23, 1892	425.95
Aug.	26	" Cash recd. of John M. Scruggs	10.00
"	"	" " " " Henry Gibbs	10.00
1892			

Aug.	30	" " " " P. L. Saunders, Receiver of Bedford Circuit Court in suit of Horne & Siner & Wright's Admr. vs Joel W. Wright's Exr.		459.20
				$3,947.73
1889		Credits.		
Aug	5	By Cash paid Dora A. Wood, acct. for services against estate (omitted in former settlement)	217.15	
		" Int. on same from May 23, '90 to Sep. 23, 92	30.40	
		" Cash pd. S. B. Wood on settlement	101.85	
		" Int on same as above	14.26	
1890				
July	10	By Cash paid A. T. Boog & Son for hay-fork	40.00	
"	"	" Int. on same to Sept. 23, '92	.53	
"	"	" taxes on lot at Vinton for year '89,	1.16	
"	"	" Int. on same to Sept. 23, '92	.15	
"	"	" taxes on 102¾ A. land for year '89	2.71	
"	"	" Int. on same as above	.36	
Sept	13	" Cash pd Wm E. Duncan	94.75	
"	"	" Int. on same as above	11.48	
"	"17	" Cash paid Burks & Campbell Sheriff's fee	1.00	
"	"	" Int. on same	.12	
1891				
Jany	26	" Cash pd. same tax on suit	1.50	
"	"	" Int. as above	.30	
Mar	5	" Cash pd. A L. Dickerson & Co.	4.50	
"	"	" Int. on same as above	.42	
"	"	" Cash pd. J. E. Fitzpatrick, Sheriff	2.50	
"		" Int. on same as above	5.16	
April	15	" Cash pd. Burks & Campbell, attorneys,	60.00	
"	"	Int. on same as above	5.16	
		Amounts carried forward	$590.53	$3947.75
		Amounts brought forward	$590.53	$3947.75
1891				
May	1	By Cash pd. J. M. Speece, Clerk	9.92	
		" Int. on same to Sept. 23, '92	.83	
"	13	" Cash pd. C. L. Bush for threshing	11.58	
		" Int. on same as above	.94	
1892				
Aug.	30	" Cash pd. M. P. Burks, Receiver of Bedford Cir. Ct. in case of Howell's Admr. vs S. W. Wright	450.00	
"	"	" Cash pd. John M. Speece, Clerk	4.75	

" Coms. allowed Admr on $479.20 @ 5%		23.96	
" Cash pd. Wm McCauley Comr. & Clerk's fees		12.74	1105.25
			$2842.40

The following amounts are to be deducted from the foregoing balance, the same having been charged to the Administration in the amount of the sale bill of personal property of decedent, but could not be collected by the Administrator.

Part of amt. of Sale Bill charged to W. L. Baker	9.19	
" " " " " " " " Wm Harkrider	2.50	11.69
		$2830.71

Balance in hands of Administrator to be distributed among three distributors of the estate; to wit:
Ellis L. Wright, Mrs Dora A. Wood, Mrs. Ida F. Graves, making each share amount to $943.59.

State of Accounts of Estate with distributors

Ellis L. Wright

To amt. of distributive share as per above statement				943.60
		Credits		
1889				
Aug.	5	By Amt. of purchases at sale made this day	720.47	
		Int on same from May 23, '90 to Sep. 23, 1892	100.86	
1890				
May	13	By Amt. of purchases at sale made this day	66.05	
		" Int. on same May 23, '90 to Sep. 23, '92	9.30	896.68
		Balance due distributor		$46.91

Mrs Dora A. Wood

1889		To Amt. of distributive share as per above statement		$943.59
Aug.	5	By amt. of purchases at sale made this day	567.32	
		" Int. on same May 23, '90 to Sept. 23, '92	79.42	
1890				
May	13	" Amt. of purchases at sale made this day	15.97	
		Int. on same May 23, '90 to Sept. 23, '92.	2.25	
1892				
May	31	" Cash paid distributee	150.00	
		" Int on same May 31, '92 to Sept. 23, '92	3.00	817.96
		Balance due distributor		$125.63

Mrs Ida F. Graves
To Amt. distributive share as per above statement $943.59
No payments have been made to said distributor

Office of Commissioner of Accounts
Roanoke County Court, Sept. 23, 1892.

After having given notice, according to law, I have prepared the foregoing statement of the account of J. T. Graves, as Administrator of Stephen W. Wright, deceased, from papers and vouchers laid before me by said Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. McCauley, Comr. of Accounts

At Roanoke County Court February Term 1893, this report was returned and ordered to be laid over one month for exceptions.

At Roanoke County Court March Term 1893, this report was returned and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
W. McCauley Clerk"

On October 15, 1892, the commissioner filed his order in File 2707:

"1892 October 15th,

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of M. P. Burks Commissioner and the vouchers and certificate of deposit Number 1222 of the First National Bank of Bedford City Virginia, for three hundred and eighty nine dollars and sventy four cents, to which report there are no exceptions and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm said report and doth adjudge order and decree that Wm H. Powell administrator of Jesse Howell deceased, do withdraw the certificate of deposit filed with the report of Commissioner Burks and pay to Isaac James Jr. the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars in full of his judgment proven in this cause."

"At Bedford Circuit Court, September 4th 1891

Howell's Administrator)
Vs) In Chancery
Wright and others)

Extract from Decree.

The Court doth adjudge order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioner's of this Court, with instructions to take an account of all the liens, outstanding and unpaid on said tract of land, and their relative priorities if any, but before taking said account that said Commissioner give notice of the time an place of taking the same to the parties to this suit and the several creditors mentioned in "exhibit X" filed with the answer of Steven W. Wright, in this cause, and further that he publish notice of the time and place of taking said account in one of the newspapers published in Bedford County, Virginia.

Your Commissioner begs leave to submit the following report. 1st that due to the fact that as a great many of the creditors mentioned in exhibit X and filed with the answer of Steven W. Wright, were dead, it became necessary for your Commissioner to ascertain from the records the names of the personal representatives of said deceased creditors, in order that proper notice might be given; this after considerable time and trouble your Commissioner did and due notice was served upon some of the parties interested in this cause & some were not found.

In addition to having said notices served upon the said parties your Commissioner as directed by the Court, had notice of the time and place, of taking said account, published in one "The Bedford Democrat", a newspaper published in said county, for four successive weeks, notice as aforesaid.

A copy of which is herewith filed with said report.

Your Commissioner deems it necessary, before ascertaining the amount of liens, outstanding and unpaid against the realestate of Jesse Howell, deceased.

First To ascertain whether the Staute of Limitations ceased to run from the time that there was an order of this Court directing one of the said Commissioner's of said Court, to take an account of the liens outstanding and unpaid against the real estate of Jesse Howell, said order having been made Sept. 12th 1879.

Your Commissioner is of the opinion, as no creditor is asserting his claim against the estate of Jesse Howell deceased, by suit or by petition except the judgment creditors Isaac James, and as the original bill was brought by the Administrator

of Jesse Howell, to enforce a Vendor's Lien 'that this differs from the case of Ewing's Admr' & als against Ferguson's Administrator

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Also from the case of Duerson's Administrator against Alsop & als.

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and cannot be construed as a Creditor's Bill and therefore the judgments except said judgments of Isaac James* reported in exhibit "X" and filed with the answer of Stephen W. Wright, would be barred by the Statute of Limitations.

* This judgment your comr is advised by counsel on both sides has been compromised by agreement that the Est of Howell shall pay pltff 150.00 in full of his debt

Second

That on the 6th of November 1891 the day fixed upon for taking said account. Patrick Simmons administrator of Skelton Simmons, deceased, presented as a lien against the real estate of Jesse Howell dec., a judgment obtained by Skelton Simmons, against Jesse Howell, and Abram Howell, on the 25th day of Sept, 1861 for $92.35 with interest threon to be computed at the rate of 6% per annum from the 25th of Sept. 1861 until paid and Costs---------6.93. An abstract of said judgment is herewith filed with the certificate of the Clerk of the County Court, that no execution has been issued on said judgment. Your Commissioner finds that even if the Court should be of the opinion, that the Statute of Limitations ceased to run Sept 12th 1879, that no execution having ever been issued upon said judgment that it is barred by the Statute of Limitations, and does not therefore constitute a lien upon the real estate of said Jesse Howell deceased.

Special Statement.*

Your Commissioner begs leave to submit the following special statement in case the Court should be of the opinion that the Statute of Limitations, ceased to run Sept. 12th 1879.

Then your Commissioner finds that a a judgment obtained at the July Term 1869 of Bedford County Court by Isaac James Plaintiff Vs. Jesse Howell, Defendant.
Principal $175.71

Int. on $175.71 at 6% from 25th of June 1859
to 25th of Nov. 1891, 32 yrs. and 5

months	$337.36
Costs	7.28
Total	$520.35

Respectfully submitted

J Martes Smith
Com

Com's Notices (19) $ 3.85
Com's Rept $ 8.25
Total $12.10

* This special stmt is qualified by the ____ noted on previous page in writing

Goggin & Rucker
HC Lowns"

On December 13, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 10/334 Commissioner M. P. Burks conveyed two tracts of 73 acres and 211 acres of land to Ellis Wright in an allocation of the land of Stephen W. Wright:

"Whereas, Peter M Wright, formerly of Bedford County Va, died intestate some years ago, seised and possessed of valuable real estate (including the two tracts of land hereinafter mentioned) which real estate, upon his death descended to his heirs and was divided amongst them, but no deed of partition was ever made between said heirs; and

Whereas the tract of 211 acres of land hereinafter mentioned, upon said division was allotted to Stephen W. Wright, and the said Stephen W Wright also became the owner of the tract of 73 acres hereinafter mentioned and afterwards said Stephen Wright departed this life intestate, and said two tracts of land descended to his heirs and

Whereas the heirs of the said Stephen W. Wright afterwards in the year 1890 instituted their suit in the Circuit Court of Bedford County against Mary Jane Craft and others, the heirs of Peter M. Wright, deceased, to obtain title to said two tracts of land and in said bill the heirs of Stephen W. Wright charged that they have agreed amongst themselves upon the division of the real estate of the said Stephen W. Wright deceased and by the terms of said agreement the two tracts of land hereinafter conveyed were to be the sole property of Ellis L Wright, one of said heirs and to be conveyed to him and in the prayer said bill they prayed that the said two tracts of land should be conveyed to said Ellis L. Wright; and

Whereas said Court, by a decree made in said chancery cause of Wright & others against Craft and others, on the 5th day of December, 1890, did adjudge, order and decree that M. P. Burks, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose should, for and on behalf of the parties to said suit convey to said Ellis L. Wright, one of the complainants in said suit, the two tracts of land in the bill mentioned to wit: the "Howell Tract" containing 73 acres more or less and the Gwaltney Tract" containing 211 acres, more or less, by proper deed for that purpose; and

Whereas said two tracts of land have since been conveyed and it has been ascertained that the said Gwaltney tract is composed of two parcels, containing in the aggregate 211 acres

Now, therefore this deed, made the 13th day of December 1892 between M. P. Burks Commissioner as aforesaid of the one part and the said Ellis L. Wright of the other part,

Witnesseth That the said M. P. Burks for and on behalf of the parties to said suit and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Ten Dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby adknowledged and in execution of the decree last aforesaid, doth grant and convey unto the said Ellis L. Wright said two tracts or parcels of land, to wit the Howell Tract containing 73 acres, and of the metes and bounds, courses and distance following to wit: Beginning at a stake in the road 3 poles from a balck oak and white oak, corner to No. 3 at 13, thence with the same N. 9 W. 321 poles to a sarvis berry tree and a hickory near the head waters of Wolf Creek at 14 thence N. 62, W 1-3/4 poles to a large black oak at 15 thence S. 10 W. 152, poles to two white oaks at 16 by a tobacco field, a corner to the land of David Howell, thence with the line of same S. 11 W. 52 poles to a double white oak near a branch at 17, thence S. 21-1/2 E. 21-1/2 poles to near a gum, thence S 55 E 22 poles to a swamp oak at 18, thence S 35 E 27 poles to a white oak stump in the same at 19, thence S 30 E 13 poles to his white oak at 20, thence S. 18-1/2 E. 50 poles to a Spanish oak at 21 thence with the land of W. Howell S. 75 E 26 poles to place of Beginning, containing 73 acres.

And the said Gwaltney Tract comprised of two parcels of land, one containing 171 acres more or less and the other containing 40 acres more or less (altogether 211 acres, more or less) and the metes and bounds, courses and distances of which two parcels of land are severally as follows, to wit:

I. Beginning at two white oaks, corner to Washington Howell, thence with his line N. 10° E. 164 poles to his corner black oak the same course continued 147 poles further to a chestnut oak on a branch, thence N 55° E. 30 poles to a dogwood N. 5° E 33 poles to a Spanish oak, thence N. 85 W. 70 poles to two

chestnut oaks by a road thence S. 38° W 106 poles to a double chestnut oak stump, thence S. 30° W. 28 poles to a Spanish oak stump by a field thence S 62° W 28 poles to a chestnut corner to Widow Howell on Gish's line thence with the line of widow Howell S. 23 E 94 poles crossing a branch to 2 black oaks, thence S 80° E 11 poles to a double chestnut oak, thence S 20-1/2 E 162 poles to a stake thence N. 73° E 54 poles to a stake thence N. 18 W. 10-1/2 poles to a white oak, thence N. 30 W 13 poles to a white oak, thence N. 35 W. 37 poles to a swamp oak thence N. 55° W 22 poles to a gum, thence N. 21-1/2 W 21-1/2 poles to a double white oak thence N. 11 E 52 poles to the Beginning containing 171 acres, more or less

II. Beginning at a stake in a line of the widow Howell and corner to No. 4 in the division of the lands of David Howell, decd, and with the line of No. 4, N. 20-1/2 W 164 poles to a double chestnut oak, thence N. 30 W. 12 poles to a black oak, thence S. 55 W. 31 poles to four feet S.W. of a hickory corner thence S. 20° E 159 poles to a stake, thence N. 73 E. 40 poles to the Beginning containing 40 acres more or less. Said Gwaltney tract lying partly in the County of Bedford and partly in the County of Roanoke

Witness the following signature and seal

M. P. Burks Commissioner

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I Graham Claytor a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that M P Burks, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 13th day of Decemnber 1892 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 14th day of Dec 1892.

Graham Claytor
Comr. in Chcy.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 31st day of December 1892, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On December 13, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 10/337 Ida F. Graves and J. F. Graves and Dora A. Wood and Samuel P. Wood conveyed the Mount Airy farm to Ellis Wright in an allocation of the land of Stephen W. Wright among themselves:

> "This Indenture, made this 13 December 1892 between Ida F. Graves & J. T. Graves her husband, and Dora A. Wood & Samuel P. Wood, her husband, parties of the first part and E. L. Wright, party of the second part,
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> Whereas Stephen W. Wright did on the 4th day of December, 1888, depart this life intestate, seised & possessed of both real & personal estate leaving as his only heirs at law, one son, the said E. L. Wright & two daughters, Ida F. married to J. T. Graves & Dora A., married to Samuel P. Wood, and
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> Whereas, the said heirs have divided & partitioned said real estate amongst themselves & have agreed to make mutual conveyances with covenants of general warranty, of the shares so alloted to each, and
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> Whereas, in said division & allotment, the said E. L. Wright received as his share that part of the estate of his father Stephen W. Wright dec'd, lying partly in the County of Bedford & partly in the County of Roanoke, and known as the "Mount Airy" farm & more particularly described below, and
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> Whereas, the said farm in said division was valued at the sum of $4500.00 which amount exceeded by One Thousand Three Hundred & Thirty five $1335.00 Dollars the value of the real estate of Stephen W. Wright dec'd to which the said E. L. Wright was entitled, and
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> Whereas, the said sum of One Thousand Three Hundred & Thirty-five Dollars, as agreed between the heirs, has been paid over by said E. L. Wright to the said Ida F. Graves & Dora A Wood,
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> Now, therefore This Deed Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises, and the further consideration of the sum of One Dollar cash, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, sell & convey, release & confirm unto the party of the second part all of their right title & interest in & to that certain tract of land lying in the Counties of Bedford & Roanoke, known as the "Mount Airy" farm & bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a point 4 ft S.W. of a hickory standing on the West side of the road leading to William Muses represented on plat by 1, thence with said Muses line N. 58 E 31 poles to two black oaks at 2, thence N. 23 W. crossing a branch at 22 in all 92-6/10 poles to a double chesnut at 3, thence N. 65-1/2 E 28-1/4 poles to a dead white oak and black oak at 4 thence N. 32-1/2 E. 27-3/10

poles to a bunch of chesnut oaks at 5, thence N. 39-1/2 E. 105 poles passing said Muse's corner and with the James land 105 poles to two chesnut oaks in the West side of a Mountain road at 6, thence N. 58 E 75 poles to pointers where the hickory corner stood on the top of the Blue Ridge at 7, corner to Baker, thence with Baker S. 31 E 11 poles to a stake 10 links N 82 E. from a pine & 15 links S. 63 W of a hickory on a high point of the ridge at 8, thence along the top of the ridge as it meanders, the general bearing as follows. S 55-1/2 E. 44 poles to 9. S 49 E 26-2/10 poles to a hickory at 10, thence with a line that was agreed upon by S. W. Wright & said Baker in exchange of land S. 14 E X a road at 30-1/2 poles in all 56 poles to water oak tree & small hickory at 11, corner to James Baker, thence with his line S. 28-3/4 W 57-8/10 poles to a white oak at 12, thence N 61 W 39 poles to a stake on the West side of a road 4-1/2 feet South of a small white oak at 13, thence S 6-1/2 E 303 poles in a road 1-6/10 poles S 6-1/2 E from a stake on the North side of the road at 14, thence along the road N 89 W 34-2/10 poles to 15, S 70-1/2 W 26 poles to 16, S 18-1/2 W 10 poles to 17 on the South side of the road near a bridge, thence S 79 W 12-8/10 poles to a stake on the South side of the road at 8, corner to Wm Howell, with same leaving the road N 13-1/2 W 62 poles to turn of fence at 19. N 45-1/2 W 5-4/10 poles to stake 13 links S. 45-1/2 W of a locust at 20. S 75-1/2 W 70-1/10 poles crossing the road leading by said E. Wright's to a stake on the West side of said road on a line of Mrs. Vinyard's land at 21, with said line N 17-1/2 W. along the West side of the road the most of the way 160 poles to the Beginning. the road from 21 on the plat is S. 19 E 30 ft wide 28 poles to the Bedford road & contains 52 square poles, containing in all 426 acres, more or less, & extends from the head waters of Wolf Creek in Roanoke County to the head waters of Falling Creek in Bedford County, and is composed of several pieces as follows: The Harry Baker tract of 55-3/4 acres, the Jesse Howell tract 67-1/4 acres Washington Howell tract 73 acres. Wm Gwaltney tract 211 acres in all of these tracts the acerage is the amount named more or less & the Neighbors lot acerage unknown & the William Howell lot supposed to contain 4 acres

The parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed, that they have the right to convey said land to the grantee, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrance: that they have done no act to encumber said land & that they will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signatures & seals.

Ida F. Graves
J. T. Graves
Dora A. Wood
S. P. Wood

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. F. Patterson a Justice for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do certify that J. T. Graves and Ida F. Graves, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 13th day of December 1892, has each acknowledged she came before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this 17 day of December 1892.

S. F. Patterson J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to-wit:

I, J. S. Markham Justice for said County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that S. P. Wood and Dora A. Wood, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date of the 13 day of Dec, 1892 has each acknowledg the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand 21st day of Dec 1892

J. S. Markham J.P.

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 21st day of December 1892 this deed was presented and with the certificates annexed admitted to record

Teste:
Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

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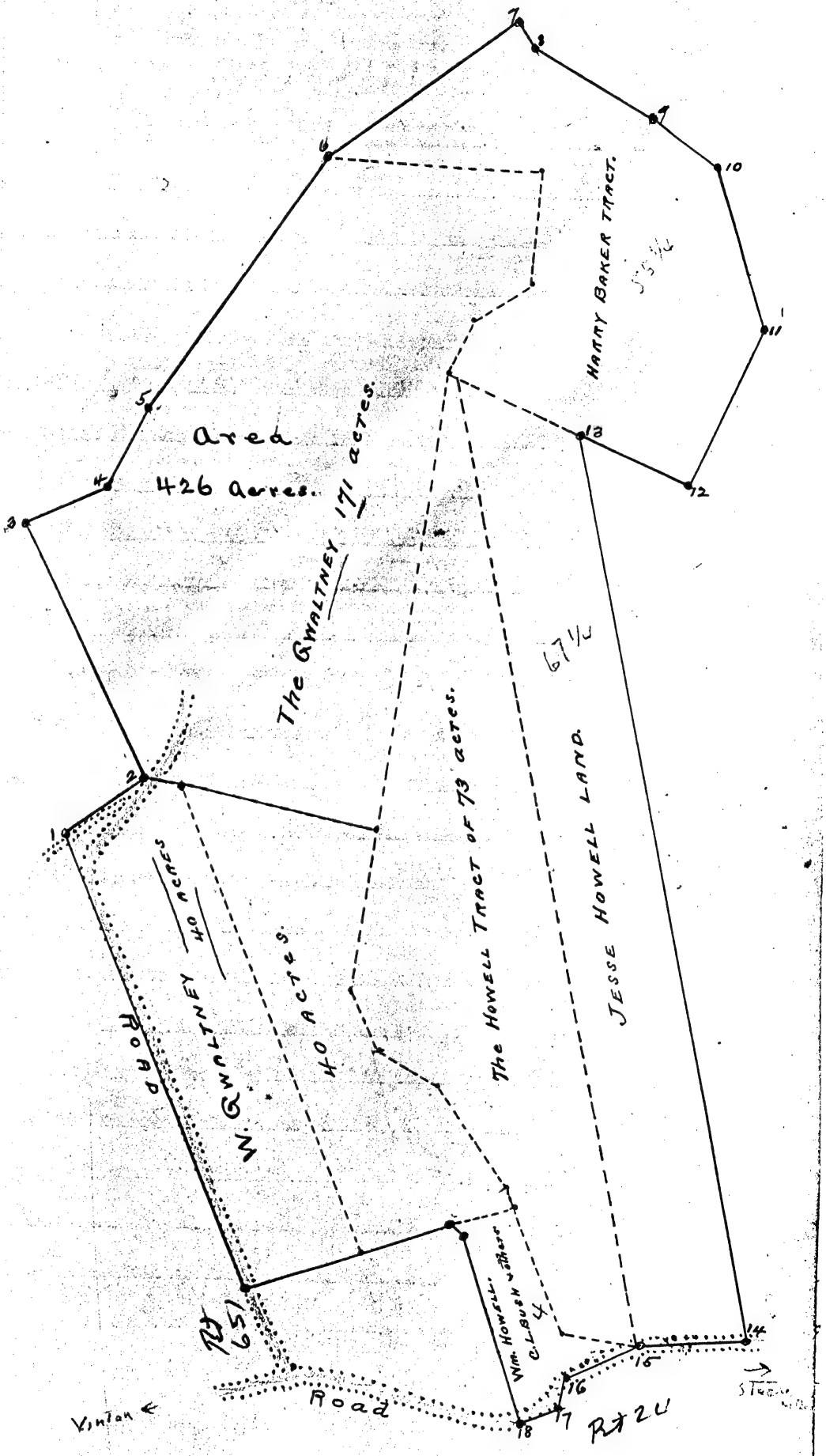


Surveyed for Ellis Wright, agreeable to the annexed plat of 426 acres of land, which is composed of several peaces lying in Roanoke County on the head waters of Wolf Creek and extending into Bedford County on the head waters of Falling Cree: the whole is bounded as follows. Beginning at a point 4 feet S.W. of a hickory standing on the West side of the road leading to William Muses, represent on plat by 1 thence with said Muses lines N. 58 E. 31 poles by two black oaks at 2 thence N 23 W crossing a branch at 22, in all 92-6/10 poles to a double chesnut at 3, thence N. 65-1/2 E 28-1/4 poles to a ded white oak & black oak at 4, thence N. 32-1/2 E 27-3/10 poles to a bunch of chesnut oaks at 5, thence N. 39-1/2 E. 105 poles passing said Muse's corner and with the James land 105 poles to two chesnut oaks on the West side of a mountain road at 6, thence N. 58 E. 75 poles to pointers where the hickory corner stood on the top of the Blue Ridge at 7, corner to Burrell Baker, thence with Baker S. 31 E. 11 poles to a stake 16 links N. 82 E. from a pine & 15 links S. 63 W. of a hickory on a high point of the ridge at 8, thence along the top of the ridge as it meander, the general courses as follows. S 55-1/2 E. 44 poles to 9, S. 49 E. 26-3/10 poles to a hickory at 10, thence with a line that was agreed upon by S. W. Wright and said Burrell Baker in exchange of land S. 14 E. X a road at 31-1/2 poles in all 56 poles to a water oak tree & small hickory at 11, corner to James Baker thence with his lines S. 28-3/4 W. 57-8/10 poles to a white oak at 12, thence N. 61 W 39 poles to a stake on the West side of a road 4-1/2 feet South of a small white oak at 13, thence S 6-1/2 E 303 poles to in a road 1-6/10 poles, S 6-1/2 E. from a stake on the South side of the road at 14, thence along the road N. 89 W. 34-2/10 poles to 15; S. 70-1/2 W 26 poles to 16, S 18-1/2 W 10 poles to 17, in the South side of the road near a bridge, thence S 79 W. 12-8/10 poles to a stake on the South side of the road at 18, corner to Wm Howel, with same, leaving the road N. 13-1/2 W. 62 poles to turn of fence at 19. N 45-1/2 W 5-4/10 poles to stake 13 links S. 45-1/2 E of a locust at 20, S 75-1/2 W 70-1/10 poles, crossing the road leading by said E Wright's to a stake on the West side of said road on a line of Mrs Vinyard's land at 21, with said line N 17-1/2 W along the West side of the road the most of the way 160 poles to the Beginning. The road from 21 on the plat is S 19 E 30 feet wide 28 poles to the Bedford Road, contains 52 square poles

December the 10th 1892

James E. Day"

On December 13, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 10/341 Commissioner M. P. Burks conveyed 67 acres of land to the heirs of Stephen W. Wright that had been purchased by him in his lifetime from Jesse Howell:

"Whereas Jesse Howell did by written contract, bearing date on the 27th day of June 1871 contract to sell to Stephen W. Wright a tract of land, containing 67-1/4

acres hereinafter more particularly described, lying partly in the County of Bedford and partly in the County of Roanoke, and afterwards and after the death of the said Jesse Howell his Administrator filed his bill in the Circuit Court of Bedford County for the specific execution of said contract of sale; and

Whereas, the said Stephen W Wright afterwards departed this life intestate, surviving him as his only heirs at law, Ida F. Graves, Dora A. Wood and Ellis L. Wright, and afterwards such proceedings were had in said suit as that the same was revived against said heirs and a decree was entered by said Court in said suit, on the 20th day of June, 1892, which provided that upon payment of the balance of the purchase money for said land, admitted by the complainant to be due on said purchase price, and filing amongst the papers on said cause the receipt therefor of the Commissioner appointed to collect the same, then that M P Burks, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose should, by proper deed, convey the tract of land in the bill mentioned to the said Ida F Graves, Dora A. Wood and Ellis L. Wright or to whom they should appoint; and

Whereas, the balance due upon the purchase price of said land as admitted by the complainant, has been paid to the Commissioner appointed to collect the same, and his receipt therefor filed amongst the papers in said suit;

Now, therefore, This Deed, made this, the 13th day of December, 1892, between the said M. P. Burks, Commissioner, of the first part, and Ida F. Graves, Dora A Wood and Ellis L. Wright, of the second part

Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Ten dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in execution of the decree last aforesaid, the said M. P. Burks, Commissioner, doth grant and convey unto the said Ida F Graves, Dora A. Wood and Ellis L Wright the tract of land aforesaid lying partly in the County of Bedford and partly in the County of Roanoke, and of the metes and bounds, courses and distance following to wit. Beginning three poles West of the branch in the road, corner to James Baker's land, thence with James Baker N. 6-1/2 W. 303 poles to a stake on the West side of the road leading to Baker's Cove to a point 4-1/2 feet South of a white oak on the side of the road on line with James Baker's line, thence with same N. 59-1/2 W. 42-1/4 poles to a sarvis(?) berry and hickory near the head waters of Wolf Creek, corner to No. 4, in Jesse Howell's division, thence with the same S. 6-1/2 E. 321 poles to a stake in the old road, thence along the road S. 89 E. 55 (35?) poles to the Beginning containing sixty seven and one-fourth acres, more or less.

Witness the following signature and seal

M. P. Burks, Commissioner

State of Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

I J. L. Arthur, Jr., a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that M. P. Burks, Commissioner whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 13th day of December, 1892, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this the __ day of December 1892

J. L. Arthur Jr N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 21st day of December 1892, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record

Teste
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On December 13, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 10/462 Commissioner M. P. Burks conveyed two tracts of 73 acres and 211 acres of land to Ellis L. Wright:

"Whereas, Peter M. Wright, formerly of Bedford County Va, died intestate someyears ago, seised and possessed of valuable real estate (including the two tracts ofland hereinafter mentioned), which real estate, upon his death descended to his heirs and was divided amongst them but no deed of partition was ever made between said heirs; and

Whereas the tract of 211 acres of land hereinafter mentioned, upon said division, was allotted to Stephen W Wright, and the said Stephen W. Wright also became the owner of the tract of 73 acres hereinafter mentioned and afterwards said Stephen Wright departed this life intestate, and said two tracts of land descended to his heirs and

Whereas the heirs of the said Stephen W. Wright afterwards in the year 1891(?) instituted their suit in the Circuit Court of Bedford County against Mary Jane Craft and others, the heirs of Peter M. Wright, deceased, to obtain title to said two tracts of land and in said bill the heirs of Stephen W. Wright charged that they have agreed amongst themselves upon the division of the real estate of the said Stephen W. Wright, deceased, and by the terms of said agreement, the two tracts of land hereinafter conveyed, were to be the sole property of Ellis L Wright, one of said heirs, and to be conveyed to him and in the ____ said ____ prayed that the said two tracts of land should be conveyed to said Ellis L. Wright

Whereas said Court by a decree and said chancery cause of Wright & others against ____ and others, on the 5th day of December 1890(?) did adjudge, order and decree that M. P. Burks who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose should for and on behalf of the parties to said suit convey to said Ellis L Wright, one of the complainants in said suit the two tracts of land in the bill mentioned to wit: the Howell Tract, containing 73 acres more or less and the Gwaltney Tract, containing 211 acres more or less by proper deed for that purpose, and

Whereas, said two tracts of land have since been conveyed and it has been ascertained that the said Gwaltney tract is composed of two parcels containing in the aggregate 211 acres

Now, therefore, this deed made the 13th day of December 1892 between M. P. Burks Commissioner as aforesaid of the one part and the said Ellis L. Wright of the other part,

Witnesseth That the said M P. Burks for and on behalf of the parties to said suit, and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Ten Dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge and in execution of the decree last aforesaid doth grant and convey unto the said Ellis L. Wright said two tracts or parcels of land, to wit, the Howell Tract, containing 73 acres, and of the metes and bounds courses and distance following to wit: Beginning at a stake in the road 3 poles from a balck oak and white oak corner to No. 3 at 13, thence with the same N 9 W 321 poles to a sarvis(?) berry tree and a hickory near the head waters of Wolf Creek at 14, thence N. 62, W 1-3/4 poles to a large black oak at 15, thence S. 10 W. 152, poles to two white oaks at 16, by a tobacco field, a corner to the land of David Howell, thence with the line of same S. 11 W. 52 poles to a double white oak near a branch at 17, thence S. 21-1/2 E. 21-1/2 poles to near a gum thence S 55 E 22 poles to a swamp, oak at 18, thence S 35 E 27 poles to a white oak stump in the same at 19, thence S 30 E 13 poles to his white oaks at 20, thence S. 18-1/2 E. 50 poles to a Spanish oak at 21 thence with the land of W. Howell S. 75 E 26 poles to place of Beginning, containing 73 acres.

And the said Gwaltney Tract comprised of two parcels of land, one containing 171 acres more or less and the other containing 40 acres more or less (altogether 211 acres, more or less) and the metes and bounds, courses and distances of which two parcels of land are severally as follows, to wit:

I. Beginning at two white oaks, corner to Washington Howell, thence with his line N. 10° E. 164 poles to his corner black oak the same course continued 147 poles further to a chestnut oak on a branch, thence N 55° E. 30 poles to a dogwood N. 5° E 38 poles to a Spanish oak, thence N. 85 W. 70 poles to two

chestnut oaks by a road, thence S. 38° W 106 poles to a double chestnut oak stump, thence S. 30° W. 28 poles to a Spanish oak stump by a field thence S 62° W 28 poles to a chestnut corner to Widow Howell on Gish's line thence with the line of widow Howell S. 23 E 94 poles crossing a branch to 2 black oaks, thence S 80° E 11 poles to a double chestnut oak, thence S 20-1/2 E 162 poles to a stake, thence N. 73° E 54 poles to a stake thence N. 18 W. 10-1/2 poles to a white oak, thence N. 30 W 13 poles to a white oak thence N. 55 W. 37 poles to a swamp oak thence N. 55° W 22 poles to a gum, thence N. 21-1/2 W 21-1/2 poles to a double white oak thence N. 11 E 52 poles to the Beginning containing 171 acres, more or less

II. Beginning at a stake in a line of the widow Howell and corner to No. 4 in the division of the lands of David Howell, decd, and with the line of No. 4, N. 20-1/2 W 164 poles to a double chestnut oak, thence N. 80 W. 12 poles to a black oak, thence S. 55 W. 31 poles to four feet S.W. of a hickory corner thence N. 20° E 139 poles to a stake, thence N. 73 E. 40 poles to the Beginning containing 40 acres more or less. Said Gwaltney tract lying partly in the County of Bedford and partly in the County of Roanoke

Witness the following signature and seal

M. P. Burks Commissioner

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I Graham Claytor, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that M P Burks whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 13th day of Decemnber 1892, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

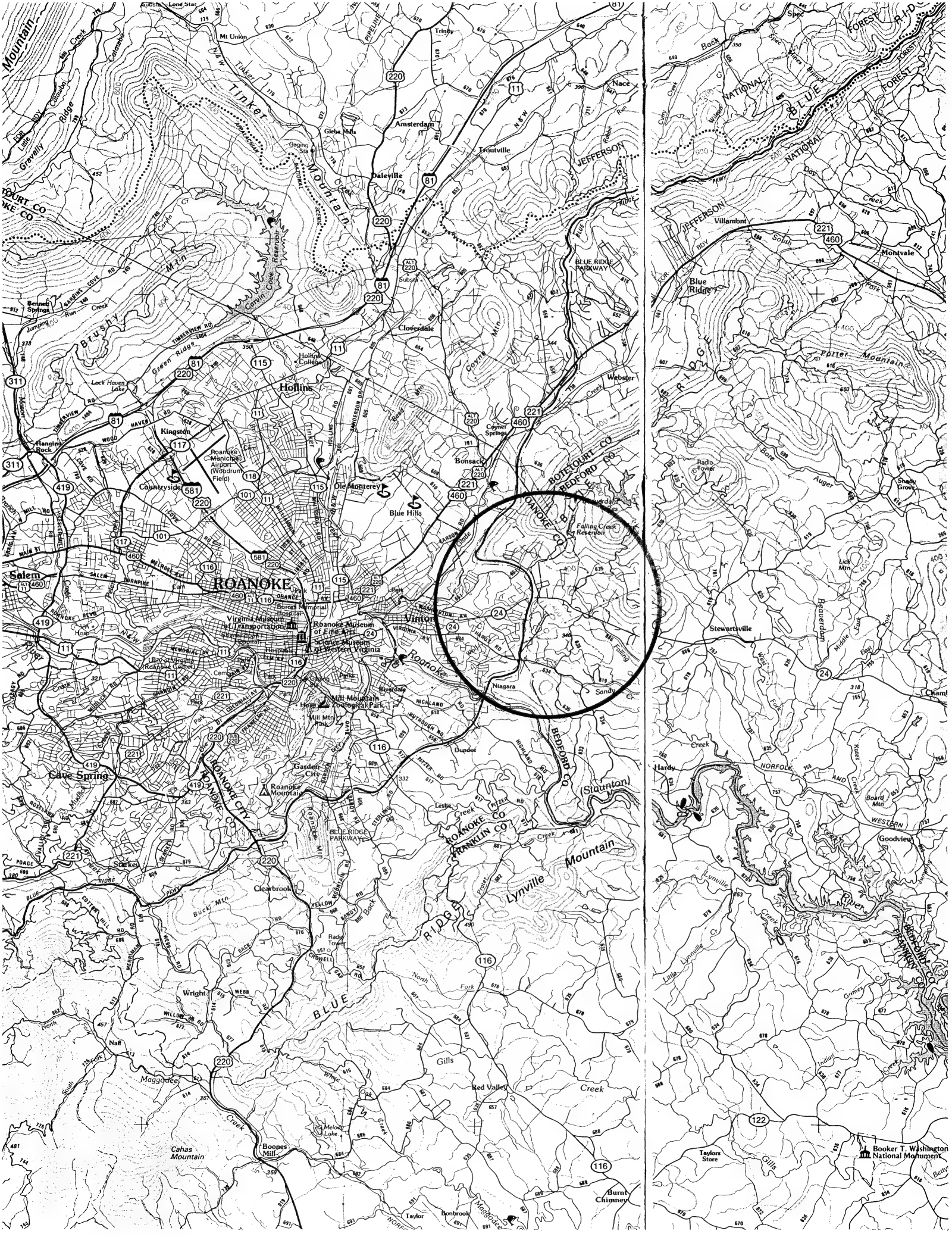
Given under my hand this 14th day of Dec 1892.

Graham Claytor
Comr. in Chcy.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 31st day of December 1892, this deed was presented, and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

The approximate location of that land on Wolf Creek in Roanoke and Bedford Counties is shown on the map on the following page:



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Lock Haven Lake
Bennett Springs
Virginia Museum of Transportation
Roanoke Museum of Fine Arts
Science Museum of Western Virginia
Mill Mountain Zoological Park
Mill Mtn Park
Garden City
Roanoke Mountain
Cave Spring
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Cahas Mountain
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Niagara
Dundee
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Lynville Mountain
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Tinker Mountain
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Buck Mtn
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Gills Creek
Lynville Creek
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Hardy
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Goodview
Shady Grove
Radio Tower
Porter Mountain
Blue Ridge
Villamont
Montvale
Beaverdam
Lick Mtn
Board Mtn
Taylors Store
Booker T. Washington National Monument
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY
JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST
BOTETOURT CO
BEDFORD CO
ROANOKE CO
FRANKLIN CO
ROANOKE CITY
(Staunton)

On December 21, 1892, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 10/462 the heirs of Stephen W. Wright conveyed to William Howell their interest in 1/2 acre of land sold by Stephen W. Wright during his lifetime:

"This Deed made this 21st day of December 1892.

Whereas, in the year 1870, Stephen W. Wright & Wm T. Howell did exchange certain lans lying in the County of Roanoke, and

Whereas, Stephen W. Wright his departed this life, without mutual conveyances having been made, leaving, as his only heirs-at-law, Ellis L Wright, Ida F. Graves & Dora A. Wood, and

Whereas, the said Wm Howell is desirous of having the land which he received by the exchanges conveyed to him, & the heirs of the said Stephen W. Wright are willing to make such conveyance. Now, therefore, this Deed Witnesseth: - that for & in consideration of the premises, & the further consideration of the sum of One Dollar cash in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Ellis L Wright & Julia E. his wife Ida F. Graves & John T. Graves, her husband, Dora A. Wood & Samuel B. Wood, her husband, do hereby grant, sell & convey, release, confirm & forever quit claim unto the said Wm. T. Howell, with general warranty of title, all of their right, title & interest in & to a certain tract of land, in the County of Roanoke, adjoining the lands of Wm T. Howell, lying on the North side of the road, leading from Vinton to Stewartsville & West of a line beginning at a stake corner to said Howell's own land, with the piece which was made at the time of the exchange of lands, N. 13-1/2 W. 62 poles along the fence & on the West side of a ditch to a rock under the turn of the fence N. 45-1/2 W. 5-4/10 poles to a point 13 links S. 55-1/2 E. of a locust standing on the West side of a ditch & containing one-half acre, more or less.

Witness the following signatures & seals, this 21st day of December 1892.

E. L. Wright
Julia E. Wright
Ida F. Graves
J. T. Graves
Dora A. Wood
S. B. Wood

State of Virginia,
County of Roanoke, to-wit:-

I, Giles Gunn, a Justice for the County of Roanoke, in the State of Virginia, do certify that E. L. Wright and Julia E. Wright, his wife, whose names are signed to

the within deed, bearing date of December 22d, 1892, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Giles Gunn, J.P.

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to-wit:-

I, S. F. Patterson a Justice for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Ida F. Graves and J. T. Graves, her husband, whose names are signed to the within deed, bearing date of December 21st, 1892, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

S. F. Patterson, J.P.

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to-wit:-

I, S. P. Harris, a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, do certify that Dora A. Wood and Samuel B. Wood, her husband, whose names are signed to the within deed, baring date of December 21st, 1892, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

S. P. Harris, N.P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Roanoke County, the 21st day of March, 1893, this deed was presented and with the certificates annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:-
Wm. McCauley, Clerk."

In March 1893 at Roanoke County, Virginia, Settlement Book 2/159 an accounting for the estate of Stephen W. Wright was filed.

On about September 7, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, John T. Graves and Ida T. Graves, Samuel Woods and Dora A. Woods, and Ellis Wright, as heirs of Stephen W. Wright, filed a complaint to quiet title to certain land that had been owned by the decedent and his brother Joel W. Wright and make an allocation of that land among the heirs:

"To the Honorable J. A. Dupuy, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining, show unto your Honor your orators and oratrices John T. Graves and Ida T. his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, and Ellis L. Wright, that your oratrices and your orator Ellis L. Wright are the only heirs at law of Stephen W. Wright, deceased, who died intestate some years ago.

Your orators and oratrices further represent that the said Stephen W. Wright, in his life time, and his brother Joel W. Wright, in his life time, were the joint owners in equal parts of a tract of land containing 350 acres, more or less, known as the "Meador Wright Farm" and as "The Lemon Tract", adjoining the lands of R. L. Dearing, Mrs. P. M. Wright, Jr., Wm. M. Wright and others, and lying on both sides of the road leading from the Chamblissburg to Stewartsville, in the County of Bedford, Virginia. This tract of land is composed of a tract of about 80 acres which was conveyed to said Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright by J. D. Craft and wife, and of a tract of about 100 acres which had been conveyed to Susan Wright by J. B. Lemon and wife, and of the land which was assigned to said Susan Wright as her dower in the lands of Peter M. Wright, Sr., deceased. Your orators and oratrices charge that they have not been able to find all the deeds of record in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court which were made to the said Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright for the above mentioned boundary of land. They refer however, to the following: A deed to Eliza A. Lemon from Albon A. Arthur, Comr., dated August 8, 1866, Deed Book QQ, page 266, conveying 100 acres. A deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife to Susan Wright, bearing date June 15, 1863, Deed Book P.P., page 361, conveying 100 acres. A deed from W. W. Basham and wife to J. W. and S. W. Wright, conveying all their interest in the dower land held by Susan Wright, Deed Book WW, page 362. A deed from J. D. Craft and Mary J. his wife to Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright, dated January 29th, 1876, Deed Book WW, page 365, conveying their interest in the dower land of Susan Wright and in the "Lemon Tract", and also in the entire tract of land drawn by Craft and wife in the division of the lands of Peter M. Wright, deceased. A deed from Joel B. Lemon, and wife to Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright, dated January 29, 1876, Deed Book WW, page 365, conveyeing their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright, and also their interest in the "Lemon lot" owned by Susan Wright. Liens are reserved in several of these deeds for the deferred payments of purchase money, but your orators and oratrices charge that these liens have long since been paid and satisfied.

Your orators and oratrices charge that for a period of more than fifteen years before the death of said Stephen W. Wright, that he and the said Joel W. Wright had held adversary possession of the whole of said tract of land, and had claimed, used, occupied and enjoyed the same as their own property for more

than that length of time, and they further represent that during the life time of the said Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright, they divided this tract of land between themselves, and that by the terms of said division there was assigned to said Joel W. Wright all the land on the South side of the Chamblissburg and Stewartsville road, and to Stephen W. Wright all the lands on the North side of said Chamblissburg and Stewartsville road, and each one entered into the possession of the tract of land so received by him upon said division, but no deed of partition was made between them. They continued thus to occupy in severalty the parcels of land received by them respectively until the death of each of them, and no deeds have yet been made. Your orators and oratrices charge that they have at all times been ready and willing and are now ready and willing to make a conveyance to the heirs of the said Joel W. Wright for the tract of land received by him.

Your orators and oratrices further charge that the said Joel W. Wright has departed this life intestate as to this tract of land, and that the following persons are his only heirs, towit: Libbie V. Ferguson, wife of Wm. B. Ferguson; Nannie F. Stephens, wife of James W. Stephens, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright, the last two of whom are infants under the age of twenty-one years. Eliza S. Wright, the widow of said Joel W. Wright, also survives him.

Your orators and oratrices further charge that they have divided among themselves the estate of their ancestor, Stephen W. Wright, deceased, and upon said division the tract of land which belonged to said Stephen W. Wright upon the division between him and Joel W. Wright, being that portion of said tract of 350 acres lying on the North side of the road, was allotted and assigned to your oratrix Dora A. Woods, to whom they now desire that title shall be made. They charge that they are not indebted to the estate of Joel W. Wright in any way, and that no conveyance has been made by the heirs of Joel W. Wright, because some of them are infants and unable to make conveyance.

In tender consideration, therefore, of the premises and forasmuch as your orators and oratrices are without adequate relief in the premises save by the aid of a Court of Equity, where such matters are properly cognizable and relievable, they pray that the said Eliza S. Wright, William B. Ferguson and Libbie V. Ferguson his wife, James W. Stephens and Nanie F. Stephens his wife, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright, the last two of whom are infants under the age of twenty-one years, be by proper process made parties defendant to this bill, and waiving an answer under oath from said defendants and each of them, that proper conveyance be made to your oratrix Dora A. Wood of the said portion of the tract of 350 acres of land lying on the North side of the road leading from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville. Grant unto your orators and oratrices the Commonwealth's writ of summons, commanding,

&c., and all such further and other aid and relief in the premises as equity and good conscience may dictate and the nature of their case require, and as in duty bound, your orators and oratrices will ever pray, &c.

M. B. Burks pq

Wright &c

1893 Sept. R1 Mo Bill filed

1893 Sept R. 3. Mo. Decree nisi v Defts Eliza S Wright Wm B. Ferguson & Libbie V. his wife, James W. Stephens & Nannie F. his wife, Thomas S. Wright & Abbie D Wright

1893. Octo R. 1 Mo Defts. Eliza S. Wright, Wm B. Ferguson & Libbie V his wife James W Stephens & Nannie F his wife, Thomas S Wright & Abbie D Wright failing to appear bill taken for confessed as to them &

Filed Sept __ 1893 . . . . cause set for hearing as to them on plaintiffs motion On Motion of plaintiffs J. Lawrence Campbell appointed Gdn. ad litem for Infant defts Pearl L Wright and Ola G Wright, ans. infant defendants filed & cause set for hearing as to them on plaintiffs Motion.

On September 7, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, a summons was issued against the heirs of Joel W. Wright to answer the complaint of the heirs of Stephen W. Wright:

"To the Sheriff of Franklin County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon Wm. B. Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife (Live at Boons Mill) to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by John T. Graves and Ida T his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A his wife and Ellis L. Wright.

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of Sept, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed on the within named parties by delivering to them a true copy of the within Sum Sept 15th 93 C.C. Price D.S. Franklin"

"To the Sheriff of Roanoke County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife and Thos S Wright (Live in Vinton) to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the Third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by Jno T. Graves and Ida T his wife Samuel Woods and Dora A his wife and Ellis L. Wright.

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of September, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed Sept 11th 1893 by delivering true copies of the within summons to the within named Jas W. Stephens & Nannie F Stephens his wife & Thos S. Wright in person in Roanoke Co. wherein they reside

Geo W Zinkle S.Rf"

"To the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon Eliza S Wright and Abbie D. Wright to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the Third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by Jno T. Graves and Ida T his wife Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L Wright

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of September, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed Sept 14" 1893 on Eliza S. Wright & Abbie D Wright by delivering to each of them a true copy of the within Sums

John W Huddleston DS
for R. S. Huddleston S.B.C."

In September 1893 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, J. Lawrence Campbell, as guardian ad litem for Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright filed his answer to the complaint and submitted the matter to the court for decision:

"To His Honor the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County.

The answer of Pearl L Wright and Ola G Wright infants under the age of twenty-one years, by J Lawrence Campbell, their guardian ad litem to a bill of complaint exhibited against them & others by John T. Graves & others in the Circuit Court of Bedford County these respondents by said guardian for answer unto the said bill, say that they are infants under the age of twenty-one years & they have no knowledge of the matters and things set forth in said bill, not cognizant of their rights, and therefore submit them to the protection of the Court. Having answered they pray to be hence dismissed, &c.

Pearl L. Wright)
Ola G. Wright) Infants
by J. Lawrence Campbell
Guardian ad litem"

On October 11, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, the court appointed a commissioner to convey 350 acres of land to Dora A. Wood in accordance with her complaint:

"At Bedford Circuit Court, October 11th 1893.

John T. Graves, and Ida T. his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L. Wright Plaintiffs
against
Eliza S. Wright, William B. Ferguson, and Libbie V. Ferguson his wife, James W. Stephens, and Nannie F. Stephens his wife, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearle L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last two infants under the age of twenty one years by J. Lawrence Campbell their Guardian ad litem Defendants.

This day this cause which has been regularly matured and set for hearing at rules, came on to be heard on the bill of the complainants taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, the answer of the infant Dfendants Pearle L. Wright and

Ola G. Wright by J. Lawrence Campbell their Guardian ad litem and on the orders and proceedings at the rules and was argued by counsel: On consideration whereof, the Court doth confirm said proceedings at the rules and doth adjudge, order and decree that M. P. Burks, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do for and on behalf of the parties to this suit convey unto the complainant Dora A. Wood that portion of the tract of Three hundred and fifty acres of land in the bill mentioned which lies on the North side of the road leading from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville in the County of Bedford, Virginia.

And all the objects for which this suit was instituted having been attained it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket, with liberty reserved to the parties, respectively to apply hereafter on reasonable notice for any further order or decree which may be necessary to carry out and give full force and effect to this decree."

Our Kin stated that Stephen Wood Wright was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, married first Narcissus Richardson and second Margaret Muse, and had the following children:

1) Ida Frances (Wright) Graves,
2) Dora Ann (Wright) Wood, and
3) Ellis Lyman (Wright) Day.

viii. 1880 Joel Wilson Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Eliza S. (Dearing) Wright, And His Descendants

1880 Joel Wilson Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel D. Wright in the Peter M. Wright household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

On March 31, 1858, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Joel Wilson Wright received his report card from the Bedford Institute:

"Monthly School Report
Bedford Institute,
Mar 31st 1858

In order that parents and guardians may be advised of the standing and attainments of their sons and wards, I shall issue a Circular, monthly, conveying the most important information on the subject.

An impartial record of the daily recitations of each student is kept, and their merit graduated from 0 to 10; the latter being the maximum of Scholastic merit and moral deportment.

During the past month, ending May 31st, the merit and attainments of Joel W Wright have been as follows:

Scholarship.

Latin Language,	9	Natural Philosophy,	
Greek "	8¼	Logic,	
French "		Rhetoric,	9½
English "		Chemistry,	
Geography - Modern,		Intellectual Philosophy,	
" - Ancient,		Moral Science,	
Arithmetic,		Political Economy,	
Mathematics,	9¼	Physiology,	
Astronomy,		Familiar Science,	
Chirography,	7½	Composition	7

Absences.

From Recitations 5 times excused:
From Recitations __ times not excused.
Moral Deportment, 10.

Mahlon A. Hensley, A.B.

At home Bedford Va June 9th day, 58

Dear Eliza

You will please send me

Mr. Meadow Wright
Chamblissburg"

The birth record of William, a slave of Joel W. Wright, was dated on March 11, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	William
Date of Birth:	March 11, 1860
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joel W Wright
Father's Residence:	Bedford
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel W. Wright with the following household on July 12, 1860, at Davis Mills Post Office:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel W. Wright	22	M		Farmer	
Martha Huddleston	14	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
1,000	Virginia				
	Virginia				

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 Joel W. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 27, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/582 Joel W. Wright joined the other heirs of Peter M. Wright in conveying 18 acres of land to Evan J. West:

"This deed made the 27th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty one between Susan Wright widow & James M Wright & Mary T his wife James D Craft & Mary J his Wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright Jun & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright, Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright heirs of Peter M Wright decd of the one part & Evan J West of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five dollars paid the said Peter M Wright sen in his lifetime the said Susan Wright James M Wright and Mary T his wife, James D Craft & Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife Peter M Wright Jr & Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham & Susan J his Wife Stephen W Wright Joel W Wright and Louisa F Wright do grant with general Warranty unto the said Evan J West all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the County of Bedford between the two branches and above the Juncttion of the same known by West Spring branch and the other is the one running down from Jordans little field known by Jabes field containing eighteen acres more or less it being a portion of the Little or Buford tract of land sold by Fields & Fouts Commissioners and purchased by the said Peter M Wright sen. Witness the following signatures and seals

Susan Wright
Peter M Wright Jun
James M Wright
Joel W Wright
Stephen W Wright
James D Craft
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Charles H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon
Mary J Craft
Sarah J Wright
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthews a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Susan Wright (widow) Peter M Wright Jr. James M Wright Stephen W. Wright, Joel W Wright, James D. Craft, Joel B. Lemon William W Basham & Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing

date on the 27th day of May 1861, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We James M Matthews and Feeling H Jeter Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright Jr. Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright, Mary J Craft the wife of James D Craft Eliza A Lemon the wife of Joel B Lemon Susan J Basham the wife of William W Basham and Nancy E McManaway the Wife of Charles H McManaway whose names are signed to the writing annexed, bearing date on the 27th day of May 1861, personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands they the said Sarah J Wright, Mary T Wright, Mary J Craft, Eliza A Lemon, Susan J Basham and Nancy E McManaway acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 28th day of May 1861.

J. M. Matthews J.P.
F. H. Jeter J.P.

At a County Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 28th day of October 1861

This deed from the heirs of Peter M Wright sr decd to Evan J West conveying real estate was produced in Court & together with the Certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Joel W. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

The marriage license of Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Dearing was dated on March 2, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Time of Marriage, March the 2 1862
Place of Marriage, Bedford County Va
Full Names of Parties married, Joel W Wright & Eliza S. Dearing
Age of Husband, 24 years
Age of Wife, 24 years
Condition of Husband (single),
Condition of Wife (single),
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Peter M. & Susan Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Silas & Mary Dearing
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 24th day of February 1862

A. A. Arthur Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I certify, that on the 2 day of March 1862 at Mary Dearing I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Zachariah Angel"

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that Joel Wilson Wright was born about 1840, enlisted as a private in Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, on April 1, 1862, at Liberty, Virginia, was absent without leave from September 1 to October 31, 1862, was present on December 31, 1862, was court martialed for absence without leave on May 23, 1863, and was discharged in 1863.

On June 15, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Joel Wilson Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright:

"Harrisonburg June 15th 1862

Dear Mother. I seat myself this evening to inform you that I am well, hoping when these few lines reaches you they may find you & all well, I have not any news to write to you that is interesting, but feel it my duty to write to you & let you know how I am geting on, though I have not received a scratch of pen from any of you since I left home, I came from home to camp Shenand[oah?] in Rockingham Cty via Lychburg Charlottsville & Stanardvill. I remained there one

week & went to Maderson Court House & rema[ined?] there thence on four days scouting round buying up cattle bacon & flour from there to Louray & stayed one night met with the 58 Reg. in the morning, found them all verry tired from marching, from there we went to Front Royal two days March & had a fight there & capture nearly all the Yankee army. They fired their cannon at us verry fasts for awhile but they shot over us, one bumb busted right over our heads but did not hit any one, we charged on them for about 15 miles, I never saw horses so tired before some of them died on the road & some broke completely down. I hurt my mares back verry bad & have not used her any since. I was detailed the morning after the fight to carry a captured wagon back to Front Royal & there I got with our company wagons & I was with them for two weeks & that was the hardest service I have had to do to follow them, it is true I was not expose to to the fire of the enemy but I had rather been with the company, there was a fight an a skirmish here every day for 17 days. from Front Royal I went to Winchester That is a beautiful town. The Yankes were driven from there across the Potomac. Our company went to Martinsburg Charlestown & nearly to harpers Ferry, & the Yankes throwd another army in behind us at Front Royal & we had to retreat up the valey towards Staunton. it was thought we would have a terrible time geting out but the Yankes was not quite smart enough to catch us, though they got there canon on the bridge in our front but we whiped them out & crossed the River, some of our army fell back cross the blue ridge & halted the army was scatered along the road for about 15 miles you never saw the like, the wagons was in the road clear across the blue ridge, camped for a day or two where there was harly room for a horse to lay down to rest with out falling off of the road & breaking his nedk, Our companny was sent out down on the Charlottsvill road to stop stragling soldiers, We are now going back the same way we came but we are encamped now for awhile to rest. I saw not less than thirty dead horses on the Mountain as I came back, The Yankes followed us to Port Republick & went back, I understand they are down about Met Jackson fortifying I think we have taken near 5000 prisoners in the trip I saw 3802 marching along the road in one column, it was a right smart show. We lost a good many men killed & some taken prisoners 3 out of our company missing, but no doubt you are tired of this so I will change the subject. How are you making out about your work have you got any more hands than you had when I left I dont know how you will make out through harvest though I am in hopes you can get some one. know you ought to have some man to manage for you, but they are hard to find now. I know you will go to attend to your when the weather is bad & you ought to be in the house & I fear you will be laid up, but Mother you had better let your business go shackling than to expose yourself for healt is worth more than any thing els, What is Stephen driving at he never writes to me does he help you any, how has Jack got have you sold your wheat & bacon, if the government don press the bacon I think it will be verry high. The government pays 20 cts for bacon here & $1.00 for corn. You have no idea what a distruction to a country & army is. The plantations are robed of there fences & large wheat fields where the wheat is

maturing we ride in columns & knock it down & distroy it. It make me sorry for there people out here to see there property all distroyed & the Yankes stoled a heap of there negroes. It is to be hoped that an army will never pop through our county, but I cant see where will be the end of this war. Wheat fields here that would make from one to two thousand bushels are now out side & some times a thousand horses grazing in them. I am verry well satisfied with a soldiers life better than I thought I would be when I left home, but it is not an easy life I would get a substitute if I could on living terms, as I think my business at home would justify it, but I guess it is a bad chance. Write to me how your crop looks & your stocks I think a heap about nice stock & how my crop & stock looks if you have seen it, how do you think George is geting on with my work. I am in hopes he is doing well The soldiers here have had a right hard time for 4 or 5 weeks, they have been marching hearly all the time & not much to eat & bed on nor no tents. I think I will stand a soldiers life verry well, as my health is good yet, Though I can enjoy good eating as much so as any body when I can get it. I am in Harrisonburg to day on picket to keep our own soldiers out of town there is 16 of us on one front & we have quite an easy time. I came in to this awhile ago & eat a hearty diner gratis & then called for a pen an ink, thought I would write to you as it is the best chance to write I have had since I left home I wrote to Eliza yesterday by Henry Rowls. I would be glad to see you now I could tell you a great many things I have seen since I left home, but I am afraid it will be sometime before we see each other again how is Gannie coming on tell her that her Mr Sublet is in our company, he is as polite to me as a blind dog in a meet house. I drawed my bounty yesterday my purse was geting might nigh emty. I think I can make out awhile now for money. I sent my horse down to a pasture near Charlottsvill last week for her back to get well. I am riding a yankee horse now. I think she will do to ride in 20 days I think a heap of her I would take no sum of money for her that is in reason while I am in service. How does your bees come on are they making much honey. I would wish for a bottle full if it would do any good. Fannie do you ever here from Flemon where is he, write to me who was killed in the fight at Richmond. I cant never get to see a news paper here so I dont know what is going on, I dont know half as much about the movement of this army here as you do at home. I have not seen a paper for 6 weeks to read it Write to me & give me the general news of every kind. Mother I have not got any stamps & I may have to frank this letter but I will pay the postage on every one I send you when I see you. I may be able to get a stamp but dont expect to be. It has been well on to three weeks since I heard from any of you. I told Eliza to direct my letters Gordonsvill & I dont think I will get any more of them, you direct yours to Harrisonburg, there abundance of letters gets misplaced, I think we will make another trip down this valey but I cant tell anything about where we will go. I must close for the want of something to write hoping to hear from you soon & often dont wait for me to write for some time it is a week before I can send a letter after I get it wrote. Give my love to Brothers &

Sisters & Martha & ____ & Billy & all inquiring friends if there be any I remain your affectionate Son

Joel W Wright"

On October 12, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Joel Wilson Wright wrote to Susan (James) Wright:

"Berryville Clarke Cty va October 12th 62

Dear Mother & Relatives A few lines to you this morning by which you will learn that I am tolerably well at present. I have had the diarea right bad for 3 or 4 days but I am nearly well now though I feel right weak. Our Company went out on picket Tuesday morning on top of the Bluridge Mountains near Streglersville(?) & yesterday the yanks run us in, or run in the out side pickets. Two of our Company Ferriel & Levi Wheat had gone out side of our lines to get corn to bed on & they saw the Yankees coming & thought they were our men until they got nearly to them & saw the mistake & whirled to run & Wheats horse fell down or give out some way & he was captured but Ferriel made his escape. The Yankees came within 3 or 4 Hundred yards of our pickets head quarters & went back. I was on the sick list & we had a yankee prisoner that I brought on to the Reg. That was about all the damage that was done that I have heard of, we had several wagons over in Loudon foraging but I have not heard from them. It is rumored here that Gen. Stewart has been round the yankee Army again & distroyed about a million of dollars worth of arms & captured about two thousand horses. I cant vouch for the correctness of the report but I heard heavy cannonading Sunday evning in the direction of Leesburg & it is the report here that it was the Yankees shelling Steward as he was coming across the Potomac & so I think it must be so. Ed. Watts took 3 companies of our Brig. & went with him he has not got back to camp yet There is not much news of importence in camp. there is some talk of peace at the Guard House, but we dont considder Guard house news reliable here. I never get the chance to see a paper here sohave a bad chance to know what is going on in the army or out of it only this part of it here John Wright is suffering with his head he was sent to the Hospital yesterday. I did not see him, but he went off horse back & I am in hopes he will get home before this reaches you. he was going to make the trial to come home any way. F. Harris is complaing a goodial, has the headache he thinks he is taking the fever, but I am in hopes its not you can tel Rilly that I saw Daniel & Thomas yesterday are well, but their horses needs resting, right poor. They are out on picket. My horse is fat & slick yet but we have not had to do any hard duty since I got back & we have had feed a plenty all the time, though I am afraid it will not be the case long for we are feeding the new corn here now & it is quite a light crop. We have not heard any thing from Meads & Nance yet I was in hopes that they had got home but Sam. Nichols got back here yesterday & says

they have not been heard from there yet. I am afraid they were killed. I understand there is as many as 10 cases of small pox at Winchester, and in hopes it will not get in our army I have not seen James Peter nor Harvy since I saw you. I sent their letters to the Reg. by a man from our Company but did not hear from them. The ground is verry hard here yet though it has been raining a little for 3 or 4 days but is nearly clear now & looks as the rain is over. There is but verry little wheat ____ yet, __ out ____ of ____ to sow wheat, but it is too late to put in much of a crop now. I have not heard a word from any of you since I left home & am verry anxious to to hear from you all at any time but I seldom get a letter from any of you. I received a letter from Sister Eliza & one from Mary since I got to camp but they were old ones. Fannie as you are well read write to me & give me all the news you can about the war & what you think about foreign intervention & the position of our army in the west for I cant hear one word from that as I dont get to see any papers. And Julia if you are not to much cramped up in that little band box a few lines from your gifted pen will not come amiss. Dear Mother I have already written more to you than you will find to be interesting so I must quit by asking you all to write to me soon & often for I have a bad chance to write & will write a little to Eliza at the bottom I remain yours affectiate son

Joel W. Wright

Dear Eliza. As time for cold weather is drawing nigh & the prospect is bad for me to get my Flannel Shirts & drawers here I think you had better make them & send them to me if you have any chance. when I left home I told you that we could get such things in Maryland cheaper than we could make them at home but they happened not to be in Maryland so I did not get them I want you to have my boots fixed up I think they need halfsolding & the heels straitened up & I think they will do me this winter & if any chance send them to me. I expect to get an Overcoat from the Government as to pants I think I can do without them until towards Christmass. you can get them ready & send them if any chance on if not maby I will get the chance to come after them I have no news to write you as I wrote 2 or 3 days ago to you I remain as ever yours

Joel M Wright"

The birth record of Libba Verner Wright was dated on June 17, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Libba Verner Wright
Date of Birth:	June 17, 1863
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Joel W Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	E. S Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

On June 20, 1863, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/293 Joel W. Wright purchaed 107 acres of land from Thomas Dooley and Elizabeth Dooley:

"This Deed made the 20th day of June 1863 between Thomas Dooley and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and Joel W Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that in consideration of Three hundred and thirty seven dollars and a half, the said Thomas Dooly and Elizabeth his wife doth grant unto Joel W Wright their interest (one third) of a tract of land situated in the County of Bedford & State of Virginia and lying on the waters of Beaverdam Creek near New Hope Church and containing One hundred and seven acres more or less, it being the tract of land owned by Isaac Gilpen and willed by him to his wife Mary Gilpen her life-time & then to three of his children Martha Wills Elizabeth Dooly and John O Gilpin, the said Thomas Dooly and Elizabeth his wife covenants that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed and they will execute such futher assurances of the said lands as may be requisite. Witness the following signatures and seals

Thomas Dooly

Elizabeth her X mark Dooly

State of Va Bedford County to wit

I S G Stewart a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Thomas Dooley whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of June 1863 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my this the 20th day of June 1863

S G Stewart N.P.

State of Va Bedford County to wit

I S G Stewart a Notary Public for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Elizabeth Dooly the wife of Thomas Dooly whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of June 1863 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid & being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Dooly acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 20th day of June 1863

S G Stewart N.P.

At a Court of Quarterly Sessions begun and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 27th day of July 1863. This deed from Thomas Dooley & Elizabeth his wife to Joel W Wright conveying an interest in real estate, was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C

1866 Decr 31st. 50¢ United States Internal Revenue Stamps placed on the original of the foregoing deed and cancelled this day according to law

Teste,
A A Arthur"

The birth record of Libba Verna Wright was dated on September 19, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Libba Verna Wright
Date of Birth:	September 19, 1864
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Joel W Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	E T Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

The second listing of a birth for Libba Verner or Verna Wright inidcates that the first Libba Verner had died and that a second Libba Verna Wright was named for the first child who had child.

36th Virginia Infantry stated that Joel Wright enlisted on October 30, 1864, in Company K at New Market and was present on the final roll.

On January 14, 1865, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Joel Wilson Wright wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Jan. 14th 1865
Camp Near Fishersville

Dear Sister. yours of __ date was received & red by me & I take this opportunity of giving you a few lines return We are in our winter quarters now & living verry well as all of us has received a box of eatables from home, but the army is seeing a hard time. We verry often miss a days rations of bread but we are geting beef enough but it is verry sorry. We have not got any pastures for them here now & when they get a lot of beeves they kill them all at one time & throw them in a pile on the ground & let it lay there until we use it up. sometimes they kill enough to last us 10 or 15 days & pile it up in that way until we use it up & you may know it is not verry good eating. I received one of the richest boxes from home you ever saw & am the proudest of it of anything that come to hand yet. I have enough to feed one man for a long time & that that is good enough for anybody for I am far from that. I am in good health & as lousy as a calf but I scratch & endure them. you ought to see me washing I have got so that I can work very well & I think we will all soon get shut of the buggers. We have got a verry comfortable little cabin. Craft took supper with us last night. I have not seen Lemon for four or five days but he is well Where is the 58 Reg. have you heard from Peter lately I have not heard anything from him for a long time. I hope he will be exchanged this winter. How is mother geting on with her work, tell her that I say there is no need of her killing herself at work in her old age & to content herself in the home. You must go down & see Eliza evry chance for I know she is loansome I have not received any letter from her since Harrison come down I was looking for one last night but disappointed. I am afraid she is making out badly as she had not hired any man to do anything & its bad geting on without any one I want to get a Furlough to come home this winter if poscible. There are about three old soldiers in our company yet & as soon as they can go then the new will commence but I dont know who will be first. The weather is verry fine here now, the snow is all gone. The general health of the army is verry good. You must write to me & give me all the news of evry kind. I know you will

be tired reading this uninteresting letter so I cloase by subscribing myself your affectionate brother

Joel W. Wright
Fishersville Va
Co. Sk. 36 Va.
Reg. Smiths Brigade"

This record indicates that Joel Wilson Wright was a member of the 36th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Smith's Brigade, in the Civil War.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 Joel W. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 Joel W. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 the heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright:

"This Deed made this 8th day of August One thousand, eight hundred and sixty six between Peter M. Wright Jr. James D. Craft and Mary J his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy E his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife, William W. Basham and Susan J. his wife, James M. Wright, Susan Wright, Louisa F. Wright and Stephen W. Wright of the one part, and Joel W. Wright of the other part, Whereas in a suit in Chancery depending in the County Court of Bedford County in which the said Peter M. Wright Jr. James D. Craft and wife and others are Plaintiffs and Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright in their own right and as Administrators of Peter M. Wright deceased and others defendants, The said Court did at its January Term 1862, (among other things) adjudge, order and decree that the said parties of the first part, should by proper deed convey unto the said Joel W Wright the tract of land advanced to him by his father Peter M. Wright deceased in his lifetime, and that Albon A. Arthur should be a Commissioner to execute the said deed on behalf of the said parties of the first part, Now therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One dollar, the said parties of the first part, by the said Arthur Commissioner in pursuance of the said decree, hereby convey with special warranty unto the said Joel W. Wright the said tract of land advanced to

him as aforesaid, said to contain about One hundred & twenty acres and lying on the Beaverdam Creek adjoining the lands of Edward W. Dearing Joseph W. Mays and perhaps others. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Peter M. Wright Jr.
James D. Craft
Mary J. Craft
Charles H. McManaway
Nancy E. McManaway
Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A. Lemon
William W. Basham
Susan J. Basham
James M. Wright
Susan Wright
Louisa F. Wright
& Stephen W. Wright
By A. A. Arthur Comsr.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 9th 1867.

This Deed from Peter M. Wright Jr & others by Albon A. Arthur Comsr to Joel W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in said Office (stamped according to Law) acknowledged by A. A. Arthur and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles.
Deputy Clerk."

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on September 29, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	September 29, 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Joel W Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Eliza S Wright
No. at Birth:	1

Relation of Informant: Father"

On July 25, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, Joel W. Wright obtained a judgment against John W. Burford for $30 for the rent of a house, garden, and plantation in 1861:

"Mr John W Burford
In Acct with Joel W. Wright
1861

To rent of house garden & plantation $30.00
Bedford County, to wit:

To W. B. Preas, Constable of said County I hereby command you to summon John W. Burford if to be found in your district, to appear at Cross Roads in said county, on the 25 day of July 1868, before me, or some other Justice of the said county as may then be there to try this warrant, to answer the complaint of Joel W. Wright upon a claim of money not exceeding fifty dollars, exclusive of interest, to wit, for the sum of $30.00 due by account, and then and there make return of this warrant

Given under my hand, this 25 day of July 1868

F H Jeter, J.P.

Judgment is granted the Plaintiff against the Defendant for the sum of $ Thirty with interest from the 1st day of January 1862, till paid, and 30 cost for his costs

A. Howell, J.P.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Account & warrant in my possession

Given under my hand this 25th day of July 1871

Robt E Allen"

On October 5, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/167 Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright, his wife, joined the other heirs at law in selling a parcel of land to Edmund W. Sale:

"This deed made this the 5th day of October 1868 between James M Wright of the one part, and Edmund W Sale of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas on

the 22nd day of June 1858, Richard B Feather, by his deed bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and which is recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Bedford, did convey in trust to the said James M Wright that certain tract of land herein after described for the purpose of securing to Peter M Wright assignees of Anthony P Wright the payment of Three hundred & thirty five 79/100 dols evidenced by bond dated on the 1st day of Sept 1857 payable on the 1st day of September 1858, and to Peter M Wright Thirty Six 30/100 Dols due and payable on the 23rd day of November 1857 and Nine Dols, due and payable on the 1st day of April 1858 with full power to sell the same upon the premises at public auction for cash upon the failure of the said Richard B Feather to pay the said sums of money when required by the said Peter M Wright after they become due and apply the proceeds of the said Sale to the payment of the said debt And whereas the said Richard B Feather failed to pay the said sums of money when the same became due & payable and thereupon the said James M Wright at the request of Joel W & Stephen W Wright administrators of the said Peter M Wright advertised the said tract of land at the most public places in the neighborhood of said land for at least ten days to be sold under the deed of trust aforesaid upon the premises on the 21st day of Sept 1868, and on that day proceeded thereto sell the tract of land for cash, according to the terms of said deed, at which sale the said Edmund W Sale became the purchaser of the said tract of land at the price of Six hundred & Sixty dollars that being his & the highest bid for the same Now therefore the said James M Wright for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and Sixty dollars the purchase money to him in hand paid by the said Edmund W Sale before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said James M Wright doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained & sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain sell and convey with special Warranty unto him the said Edmund W Sales his heirs & assigns that certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Bedford bounded by the lands of C Bandy, P R Moormaw S G & R B Stewart and others containing Eighty acres be the same more or less it being the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to the said James M Wright in trust by the said Richard B Feather by the deed aforesaid, And whereas it appearing to the parties hereinafter named, that the said Peter M Wright in his lifetime, sold the before mentioned tract of land to the said Richard B Feather but failed to make to him a title for the same We therefore as the heirs at Law of the said Peter M Wright decd hereby confirm the sale made by James M Wright, as trustee of the land hereinbefore mentioned and in consideration of Six hundred and Sixty dollars paid to the said James M Wright Trustee the receipt whereof We Susan Wright widow of the said Peter M Wright deceased, James D Craft Mary J his wife, Charles H McManaway & Nancy A his wife, Peter M Wright and Sarah J his wife Joel B Lemon & Eliza A his wife, William W Basham and Susan J his wife Stephen W Wright and Margaret J his wife, Joel W. Wright & Eliza S his wife, James M Wright & Mary T his wife hath acknowledged and in consideration of which doth hereby grant and convey with General Warranty unto him the said

Edmund W Sale his heirs & assigns ____ before described. In Witness whereof the parties to this deed have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals, day and date above written

James M Wright Trustee
Susan Wright
James D Craft
Mary J Craft
Chs H McManaway
Nancy A McManaway
Peter M Wright
Sarah J Wright
Joel B Lemon
Wm W Basham
Susan J Basham
S W Wright
Margaret J Wright
Joel W Wright
Eliza S Wright
James M Wright
Mary T Wright
Eliza A Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G Stewart a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James M Wright Trustee and also in his own right Susan Wright, James D Craft, Charles H McManaway, Peter M Wright, Joel B Lemon, William W Basham Stephen W. Wright and Joel W Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 hath acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand and seals this 5' day of Oct 1868

S. G Stewart JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We S. G Stewart & Abner Howell justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A McManaway the wife of Charles McManaway, Sarah J Wright the wife of Peter M Wright, Susan J Basham the wife of Wm W. Basham, Margaret J Wright the wife of Stephen W Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from their husbands, and having the writing

aforesaid fully explained to them the said Nancy A McManaway Sarah J Wright, Susan J Basham and Margaret M Wright acknowledged said writing to be their act and declared that had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 5' day of October 1868

S G Stewart JP
Abner Howell JP

State of Virginia County of Botetourt to Wit

We Robert R Lumsford and James W Shirey justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, do certify that Eliza A Lemon wife of Joseph B Lemon whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it

Robert R. Lunsford
James W. Shirey

State of Virginia Franklin county to wit

We B N Hatcher and Lewis Dillion Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary J Craft wife of James D Craft whose names are signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her she the said Mary J. Craft acknowledged the said writing to be her act and and declared that she had willingly executed it and does not wish to retract it Given under our hands this the 21st day of of December 1868

B N Hatcher JP
Lewis Dillion JP

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Green Dearing a Justice of the Peace for said County do certify that Eliza S Wright the wife of Joel W Wright and Mary T Wright the wife of James M Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5' day of October 1868 personally appeared before me in the county aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands & and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Eliza S Wright and Mary T Wright

acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it Given under my hand January 22nd 1869

Green Dearing JP

In the Clerks office of the county court of Bedford county January 26, 1869

This deed was presented in said office, stamped with One dollar US Internal revenue stamps cancelled according to law and together with the Certificate of acknowledgement, and relinquishments of Dower, admitted to record

Teste
A. H. Curtiss Clk"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel W. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joel W. Wright	32	M	W	Farmer	3500
Eliza S. Wright	33	F	W	Keeping house	
Libbie B. Wright	6	F	W		
Thomas S. Wright	5	M	W		
Nannie F. Wright	2	F	W		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

This record indicates that Joel W. Wright was born in about 1838 and that Eliza S. Wright was born in about 1837.

The birth record of Abbey Dunsmore Wright was dated on December 9, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Abbey Dunsmore Wright
Date of Birth:	December 9, 1870
Parents:	Joel W. & Eliza S. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On January 6, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/258 Joel W. Wright purchased 140 acres of land from John G. Kasey and Elvira Kasey and B. F. Claggett and Mollie Clagget:

> "This Deed made this 6th day of January, 1871, between John G. Kasey and Elvira his wife and B. F. Claggett and Mollie his wife of the first part and Joel W. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one thousand three hundred dollars the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said Joel W. Wright a certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford near the village of Chamblissburg adjoining the lands of John F. Thaxton, Joseph Saunders, Joel W. Wright and others containing 140 acres be the same more or less described and bounded as follows: Beginning at corner between John F. Thaxton and Joseph Feather on Chamblissburg road thence with said Thaxtons line north to Chamblissburg branch thence up said branch as it meanders to the point where the Bore Auger road crosses said branch, thence with said road as it meanders to Joseph Saunders line, thence with his line to Joel W. Wrights (Gilpins place) line thence with said line to New Hope Church lot, thence with said line to Chamblissburg road, thence with said road and Joseph Feathers line to the beginning it being the same tract of land sold by said John G. Kasey to the said B. F. Claggett and since sold by said Claggett to the said Joel W. Wright but the title to said land being still in the said Kasey they have united in this deed to convey the title to the said Wright And the said John G. Kasey and B. F. Claggett and each of them do covenant with the said Joel W. Wright that they have the right to sell and convey the said tract, that they have

done no act to encumber the same, that he shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the same, and that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed

Witness the following signatures and seals

John G. Kasey
Elivra F. Kasey
B. F. Clagett
M. J. Clagett

Virginia. County of Bedford: to wit

I Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid do certify that B. F. Claggett whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of January, 1871, has this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid: I do further certify that Mollie Claggett the wife of the said B. F. Claggett whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Mollie Claggett acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 6th day of January 1871.

Ro. S. Quarles, N.P.

Virginia County of Bedford: to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid do certify that John G. Kasey whose name is signed to the above deed bearing date on the 6th day of January 1871 has this day acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. I further certify that Elivra F. Kasey the wife of the said John G. Kasey whose names are signed to the above deed bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Elvira F. Kasey acknowledged the said deed to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 7th day of January 1871.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office March 13th 1871

This Deed from John G. Kasey & wife and B. F. Clagett & wife to Joel W. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with One Dollar and Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue stamps, canceled according to law, and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/377 Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright and other heirs of Louisa F. Wright sold their interest in that estate to William W. Basham.

On February 11, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/257 Joel W. Wright purchased from William W. Bookam and Susan J. Basham their interest in certain property belonging to the estates of Peter Wright and L. F. Wright:

"This Deed made this 11th of February 1871 between Wm. W. Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part & Joel W. Wright of the other part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of thirty dollars the said party of the first part do grant & convey unto the said Joel W. Wright Their entire interest in a certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford about one mile & a quarter west of Stewartsville & the said tract of land was deeded to Peter M. Wright by Christopher Neighbors The party of the first part in consideration of Joel W. Wrights intereset in two tracts of Land that was owned by L. F Wright Dec. adjoining C H Mcmanaway lands & seventy five dollars in money do also grant & convey unto Joel W Wright their entire interest of the personal property of Peter M Wright Dec also their interest of the amount of money due L. F. Wright Dec. from the admrs of Peter M Wright Dec and the party of the first part do covenant with the said Joel W. Wright that they have the right to sell & convey their interest in said property that they have done no act to encumber the same & that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed

Witnesses the following signatures & seals

William W Basham
Susan J Basham

State of Virginia
Bedford County to wit

We Robert M Beard & Abner Howell Justices for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia Do certify that William W Basham & Susan J his wife whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 11th Day of February 1871 have acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and We Do further certify that Susan J Basham wife of the said William W. Basham whose name is likewise signed to the writing hereto to annexed personally appeared before us in Our County aforesaid and being examined By us privily and apart from her Husband and having the writing afore said fully explained to her she the said Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it, given under our hands the day & date above named

Robert M Beard J.P
Abner Howell J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office March 13th 1871.

This Deed from William W. Basham & wife to Joel W. Wright conveying an interest in real and personal estate, was produced in said Office, stamped with Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue stamps, cancelled according to law, and, together with the Certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 12, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, John W. Burford filed a complaint to enjoin the enforcement of the judgment for $30 obtained against him in 1868:

"To His Honer John A: Wharton Judge at Bedford County Court.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your Orator John W. Burford that in April, 1868, a warrant was issued against your Orator by F. H. Jeter a justice of the peace in the name of Joel W. Wright - for a claim of thirty dollars alleged to be due him for the rent of a parcel of land for the year, 1861, the said warrant was made returnable at the Storehouse of Jno F. Thaxton at Chamblissburg in this County. Your Orator denied the justice of said demand or that he owed the said Joel W. Wright one cent for rent for that or any other year or on any other account. The said warrant was returnable on the 2nd Saturday in April, 1868. Your Orator attended on the day and at the place he was summoned to defend the said action but no such case was called up for trial. A case of the said

Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright as administrators of Peter M. Wright against your Orator was called up and removed to Stwartsville and a judgment afterwards given against him for $8 and some cents which he has paid. He heard nothing more of the warrant first above named until long afterwards when the Constable came to him with an execution against him for $30.00 with interest from the 12th day of January, 1862, and $1.10 costs. Your Orator was much surprized at this for he had a good defense to said action and attended at Chamblissburg the place of return of said warrant for the purpose of making his defense but the case was not called, upon enquiry however he ascertained that on the 25th day of July, 1868, a judgment was rendered against him at Stewartsville in this County a place about five miles distant from that at which the warrant was made returnable. He avers that he had no notice whatever of the time or place of trial, that he was never summoned to Stewartsville to answer any such claim and if the case was removed from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville it was done without lawful authority and without the knowledge or consent of your Orator. He avers that he was taken wholly by surprize and that the said judgment was obtained against him by fraud. He did not know of the rendition of said judgment until the January term of this court in the year, 1870, about eighteen months after the judgment when it was too late either to take an appeal or to ask for a new trial. He further states that no execution was issued on said judgment until after the expiration of twelve months from the rendition of said judgment. He believes the first execution issued in January, 1870, and more than twelve months having elapsed from the date of the judgment it was issued without lawful authority. Subsequently on the 31st December, 1870, another execution was issued on the same judgment which went into the hands of James M. Pendleton Constable who returned it no effects and an execution upon the same judgment is now in the hands of the Sheriff of this County who has levied the same on the property of your Orator and will proceed to sell the same to satisfy said execution unless he is restrained by an injunction from your Honor.

Your Orator states that the land for the alleged rent of which the said judgment was obtained was rented by him of Peter M. Wright in his life time for the year, 1861, for the sum of twenty dollars, that the said Peter M. Wright died soon after the contract of renting, the contract was made in the fall of 1860, your Orator being then the tenant of the said Peter M. at the price of $20, and it was agreed that he should hold it for the next year, 1861, at the same price. Your Orator only rented the house and garden. He held the premises under said contract for the year, 1861, the residue of the tract was held and cultivated by the said Joel W. Wright. During the year, 1861, your Orator hired to the said Joel W. his son who was about fourteen years of age for the purpose of paying the rent and it was agreed that the wages of his son should go in payment of the rent, that his wages amounted to a sum more than the rent aforesaid so that the rent was paid off in that way before the end of the year, and he avers that the said Joel W. was indebted to him in other sums and that he intended to make his defense to said

action but was prevented from doing so by the reasons hereinbefore stated. He charges that the actings and doings of the said Joel W. Wright in the premises are unjust and tend to his injury. To the end therefore that justice may be done in the premises he prays that the said Joel W. Wright be made a party defendant to this suit and compelled to answer the allegations hereof on oath. May it please your Honor to inhibit enjoin and restrain the said Joel W. Wright his agents and all others concerned from any further proceedings on said judgment and the execution in the hands of the Sherif until the further order of this court, and finally may the said judgment be set aside and a new trial awarded your Orator. Grant unto him the Commonwealths writ of Summons Commanding &c and all such other and further relief as the nature of his case may require and equity and good conscience dictate and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

To the Clerks office of Bedford County Court June 12, 1871

John W. Burford this day made oath before me in my said office that the facts stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge & belief

R. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

In Vacation June 12 1871

Injunction granted to prohibit and enjoin the deft. his agents and attorney from further proceeding on the judgment & exec in the ____ until the further order of this court - Upon the Plaintiff or some one for him giving bond in the penalty of $75 before the clerk of Bedford Conty Court with security to be approved by said Clerk & with ____"

On June 26, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, a summons was issued against Joel W. Wright to answer the complaint of John W. Burford:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you that you summon Joel W. Wright to appear before the Judge of our County Court, holden for Bedford County, at the Rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the first Monday in August next, to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited abainst him in said Court by John W. Burford

And have then there this writ. Witness, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of our said Court, at the Courthouse, the 26" day of June 1871, in the 95 year of the Commonwealth

R. S. Quarles

Memo

Injunction granted the plaintiff against the defendant to injoin restrain and inhibit him his agents & attorneys from further proceedings on the judgment and execution in the name of said Joel W. Wright against the said John W. Burford for $30.00 with interest from the 12" day of January 1862 & $1.10 costs until the further order of the County Court of Bedford County and bond given by the plaintiff conditioned to save said defendant harmless against all damage he may sustain in consequence of the suing out of his injunction, in case the same shall be dissolved.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 27, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 45/351 Joel W. Wright, as Commissioner, sold 103 acres of land to Daniel Siner:

"Whereas the County Court of Bedford, at the November term thereof 1857, in the suit therein pending, of Siner vs Siners Admr &c did appoint Peter M. Wright a Commissioner to make sale of certain lands & slaves in the bill in said suit mentioned, and such sales were afterwards made, and one Daniel Siner became the purchaser of a certain tract of said land containing one hundred & three acres, and the said sale was afterwards reported to & confirmed by the said Court; and whereas the said Court at its June term 1871, did appoint the undersigned Joel W. Wright a Commissioner to convey said land to the Said Daniel Siner, Now therefore, this deed made the 27th day of June 1871, between Joel W. Wright, Commissioner aforesaid, of the first part, & Daniel Siner aforesaid, of the second part, witnesseth that in consideration of the premises, the said Commissioner doth grant with special warranty unto the said Daniel Siner, the tract of One hundred & three acres of land herein before described.

Witness the following signature & seal

Joel W Wright

At Bedford County Court June 27th 1871

This Deed from Joel W. Wright, Commissioner, to Daniel Siner, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with One Dollar United States Internal Revenue stamps, cancelled according to law, acknowledged by the Said Joel W Wright, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On July 1, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, Joel W. Wright filed his answer to the complaint of John W. Burford:

"The answer of Joel W. Wright, to a bill of Complaint exhibited against him in the County Court of Bedford County by John W. Burford. And this respondent, saving and reserving the benefit of all objections to the said bill for the many errors therein contained, for answer unto the same, or to so much, & such parts thereof as he is advised it is necessary for him to answer, Answers and says, first that there is scarcely a word of truth in the said bill, from the beginning to the end; it is not true that in April 1868, any warrant was issued at the suit of respondent against said Burford or that at any time to his knowledge, he had any warrant against him returnable at Chamblissburg, and that the same was removed to Stewartsville. On the 25th day of July, 1868, this respondent did cause a warrant to issue by F. H. Jeter Esq. a Justice of the Peace, against the said Burford for a claim for rent, for 1861 - which warrant was made returnable at Cross road (or Stewartsville) where after it had been duly served on Burford, a trial of the same was had before A. Howell J.P. who gave judgment in favor of respondent for $30. with interest from Jany 1, 1862, & 30 cents costs - that sum being then due respondent for the rent of land for the year 1861, as will be hereafter stated. That no execution was issued on said judgment within 12 months may be true, but it is also true as respondent is informed that afterwards, & before the execution now Complained of was issued, the judgment above named was again warranted on, or proceedings in the nature of a Scieri facias, were had, and the said judgment was renewed, or revived, by a justice of the peace after due notice to said Burford, and on this new judgment, a writ of Fifa was issued, and by a constable was returned to the Clerks Office "No effects" & afterwards, the fifa, complained of was issued by the Clerk of this Court, and respondent submits that if the allegations of irregularity set up by the Plt were true, his remedy would not be by injunction, but at law, by motion to quash - but they are not true, as will, in proper time, and by legal testimony be proven. Respondent denies all charges of fraud, as well as every single allegation made in the bill in reference to the manner in which the judgment was obtained for every word is utterly false - the warrant was made returnable at Crossroads. (Stewartsville being the same place) was served on Buford, & was there tried,

and never was returned or returnable to Chamblissburg, never was called for trial at that place by any person within the knowledge of respondent and hence was never removed to Stewartsville. If he did not know of the rendition of said judgment, he alone was to blame, for the Constables return shews that he knew when such judgment would be asked for. The allegation that "on the 31st December 1870, another execution was issued on the same judgment," is utterly false, as above stated - if true, why does he not quash it - if true this Court sitting in Chancery, has no jurisdiction of the matter.

This respondent denies that the land for which the rent, for which the judgment was rendered was charged, was rented, to Plt, by Peter M. Wright for 1861. Peter M. Wright, was the father of the respondent and died in 1860. In 1859, he did rent the said property to Burford, and he held it for the years 1859 & 1860, at the rental of $25 per annum for 1859 & $30 for 1860, and this respond. & his brother Stephen W. Wright, as administrators of their father (Peter M.) since the war warranted Burford for the said rent at $25. for 1869 & $30 for 1869 & recovered $25. for each year - but the amount was offset by some matters brought in by Burford & reduced to $8. or $9 & for this the execution named in the bill was issued in their favor & collected - If he had rented for 1861 of Peter M. why was not the rent for the year included? But respondent avers the fact to be that in the fall of 1860, after his fathers death, and in an allotment of his fathers land among his children, respondent drew for his lot the identical place occupied by Burford, and at once, & thence forward controled the possession of so much thereof as plt. was not actually occupying, and he alone was entitled to the possession & rent of the whole for the year 1861 - which respondent avers was property Charged at $30. for it was well worth more, and that was the price for 1860; It is not true that plt. only held for 1861 the "house & garden" pertaining to said land - he held those, and also, some 25 (more or less) acres of pasture land, over which he exercised exclusive control & possession. Respondent emphatically denies that he ever did, at any time, hire, or have in his employment, the son of Burford - if he owed respondent nothing for rent, nor ever rented from him any land, why did he hire his son to him to pay rent? He well knows all this to be untrue, & by this allegation, contradicts his previous statements. Respondent avers that in 1870, the said Burford, warranted respondent on a miserable trumped up account, one item of which was "4-1/2 months work" charged to have been done by his son at $6. per month, in 1861 $27 - and on a trial of said warrant, the justice decided against said Burford as to said item - there never was any such work done, but even if it had been done, the matter has already been adjudicated & passed upon, & disallowed by the tribunal to which it was submitted by Burford himself. These facts will, at the proper time, be proven by the record itself - which would now be filed, if in the Control of respondent - At the trial of the last named warrant, Burford obtained a judgment against respondent for $10.24 with interest & $2.90 Costs - an execution on this judgment is in the hands of an officer, who is being pressed by

Burford to force the money from respondent, and respondent charges that Burford is almost insolvent, and it is doubtfull whether his execution can be made from him, & therefore he beleives the only object of this injunction is to protect himself from respondent, while he makes respondent pay him. And it is only in this respect that he can Complain of this respondent.

And having answered all that he is advised it is necessary for him to answer, still denying everything contained in said bill of material importance, not herein admitted, this responded prays that he may be hence dismissed with his proper Costs and damages.

Joel W. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office July 1th 1871

Sworn before me in said Office by Dft. Joel W. Wright

Teste
S G. Wingfield D. Clk"

On July 27, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, the court dissolved the injunction against the enforcement of the judgment Joel W. Wright had obtained against John W. Burford:

"Buford)
v) Note for a decree
Wright)

On Motion of the defendant Joel W. Wright by Counsel liberty is granted him to file his answer to the complainants bill, and he filed the same & the said answer having been deposited in the clerks office of this Court amongst the papers in this cause on the 1st day of July 1871; and the complainant replies generally to the said answer. And thereupon this day this cause came on to be heard upon the motion of the defendant to dissolve the injunction awarded in this cause on the 12th day of June 1871 to prohibit and enjoin the defendant, his agents, and attorneys from further proceedings on the Judgment and execution in the bill mentioned until further order of the Court, And was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof, and of the bill of the complainant, answer of the defendant to the said bill, complainants replication to said answer, exhibits, and examination of witnesses. The Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the injunction aforesaid be and the same is hereby wholly dissolved."

On September 26, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 6525, the court dismissed the complaint of John W. Burford against Joel W. Wright:

"Buford)
v.) Note for Decree
Wright)

This Cause Came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel, upon consideration whereof the Court doth order that the bill in this Cause be dismissed, and that the plaintiff John W. Burford do pay unto the defendant, Joel W. Wright, his Costs by him, about his defense in this behalf expended."

On March 23, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/523 Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright sold to Stephen W. Wright their interest in 112 acres of land that was part of the estate of Peter M. Wright.

On May 9, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 46/369 Joel W. Wright purchased 84 acres of land from Joseph and Juli Ann Feather:

"This Indenter mad & entered into this 9th day May 18_2 Between Joseph Feather of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one pairt & Joel W Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for an In consideration of the sum of of four hundred dollars to him paid as follows one hundred dollars down & one hundred dollars 1st day of January 1873 & two hundred dollars the 1st day January 1875 By said Joel W Wright hath sold & conveyed to said Joel W. Wright his heirs & assigns for ever with the wright & priviledge of said Feather ajoining his fence to said Wrights fence forever at both ends of Fence at each corner a certain boundary or parcel of land supposed to contain Eighty four acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows Begining in the road leaving from Chamblissburg to ___ardsville near a post oak corner near a house thence along the road as it meanders S 58 E 277 poles & 6 links thence along same road S 51 E 44 poles + 4 links to corner stone in the corner of fence near the top of the first rise from the mouth of Wrights yard lane thence S 29 W 64 poles to a corner rock near a apple tree thence S 64 W 12 poles & 12 links crossing two branches to a rock S 44 E 2 poles & 19 links to center of road thence to double chesnut oak at Mayses corner, Thence along Wrights line to first station. To have & to hold the afforesaid boundary of land with all the privileges thereunto belonging unto him the said Joel W. Wright his heirs & assigns for ever & the said Joseph Feather doth hereby covenant & agree with the said Joel W Wright his heirs & assigns to forever warrant & defend the wright of the afforesaid boundary of land from the claims of all

persons whatsoever In testimony whereofe we have hereunto set our hands & seals the day & date first writen.

Joseph Feather
Juli Ann Feather

State of Virginia)
Bedford - to wit)

we R. M. Beard & D. w Hannabass Justices for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Joseph Feather whoes name is signed to the riting hearto annexed bearing date on the 9th day of May 1872 has acknowledged the same before us in our County aforesaid and we do further certify that Juli Ann Feather the wife of the said Joseph Feather whoes name is likewise signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date as aforesaid personally appeared before us in our County and being examined by us privily and a part from her husband and having the riting aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Juliann Feather acknowledge the said riting to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 11th day of May 1872.

D. W. Hannabass J.P
R. M. Beard

In Bedford County Court October 29th 1872.

This Deed from Joseph Feather & ux to Joel W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court, stamped with fifty cents United States Internal Revenue stamps, cancelled according to law, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro S Quarles C.B.C."

The birth record of Pearl Wright was dated on December 17, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Pearl Wright
Date of Birth:	December 17, 1872
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Parents:	Joel W. & Eliza S. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On December 13, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/366 Joel W. Wright, Joseph W. Mays, and Joel Franklin gifted 1-5/8 acres of land to the Trustees of the Public Schools of Chamblissburg Township:

"This Deed made and entered into the 13th day of December 1873 between Joseph W. Mays Joel Franklin and Joel W. Wright of the first part and the Trustees of the Public Schools of Chamblisburg Township of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the benefit of Public white schools of Chamblisburg School Disct do grant give and convey unto the said Board of trustees for that purpose a certain lot or parcel of land containing 1-5/8 acres be the same more or less situated in Bedford County on the North side of the road leading from Peatown to Xroads and near new Hope Church and is bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a post Oak in Mays & Franklins line thence new line N 58-1/2 E 8 poles to center of road in all 11.32 poles to a small red oak thence with Wright S 23-1/2 E. 19.36 poles to a small red oak thence S 10° W 10 poles to a stake in the [missing line] poles to a stake thence off N 17-3/4 W 13-1/2 poles to the beginning to have and to hold so long as used for the benefit of Public White Schools when used no longer for that purpose to go back to the former owners the said parties of the first part reserve all the timber on the said lot for a grove & not to be cut by themselves or others the road passing through said lot is reserved In Witness whereof we here unto affix our hands and seals this day & date above written

Joseph W. Mays
Joel Franklin
Joel W. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I James M. McManaway Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Joseph W Mays Joel Franklin and Joel W. Wright whose names is signed to the writing above above bearing date on the 13" day of December 1873 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this this the 13" day of December 1873

James M McManaway J.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1877

This Deed from Joseph W Mays and others to the school Trustees of Chamblissburg School District conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On August 27, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/362 Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright purchased the interest in the dower land of Susan Wright from William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham:

"This Deed made this 27th day of August 1874 between Wm W Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part and Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Five hundred & Seventy five dollars, the said Wm W. Basham & Susan J his wife, do grant unto the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty all of their interest in the dower land held by Susan Wright widow of Peter M. Wright deced The said Wm W. Basham covenant with the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright that they shall have quiet possession of said interest in the dower land aforesaid and that the said Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife will execute such assurances of said interest in said dower land as may be requisite. The sale of said interest in said dower land is subject to the life ownership of the said Susan Wright. Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Wm. W. Basham whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit.

I S. G. Stewart Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Susan J. Basham the wife of Wm. W. Basham whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of August 1874 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by

me privily and apart from her husband and haveing the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Susan J Basham acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 27th day of August 1874

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright purchased the interest of James D. Craft and Mary J. Craft in the estates of Peter M. Wright and Susan Wright:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between James D. Craft & Mary J his wife of the first part & Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth: that in consideration of Three thousand dollars the said James D. Craft & Mary J his wife hath sold to the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd and thiere intire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright known as the Lemon lot in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also the entire tract of land drawn by said Craft & wife in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright Decd also certain personal property the whole of the land for the sum of $2,800.00 the personal property for two hundred dollars the payments to be made as follows One thousand dollars one year after date One thousand dollars two years after date One thousand dollars three year after after date the whole to bear interest from date till paid, the said James D. Craft & wife warrants the title to said real & personal property with general warranty a Lein is retained on said land untill the whole purchase money is paid. Witness the following signatures & seals

James D. Craft
Mary J Craft

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in and for the County & State aforesaid do certify that James D. Craft and Mary J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me and

acknowledged the same before me, and the said Mary J. Craft being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act that she had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Jany 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from James D. Craft and wife to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/368 Joel W. Wright and Stephen D. Wright purchased the interest of William W. Basham and Susan J. Basham in the Lemon lot:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Wm. W. Basham & Susan J his wife of the first part, and Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright of the second part, Witnesseth: that in consideration of One hundred & fifty dollars (paid by Joel B Lemon) to Wm. W. Basham The said William W. Basham hath this day sold to the said Stephen W. & Joel W. Wright with general warranty his entire interest in a tract of land owned by Susan Wright Decd known as the Lemon lot drawn by Joel B. Lemon & wife in the division of the lands of Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures & seals Jany 29" 1876

Wm. W. Basham
Susan J. Basham

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S. G. Stewart a Notary Public in & for the County & State aforesaid do certify that Wm. W. Basham & Susan J. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeared before me & acknowledged the same, and the said Susan J. Basham having been examined privily ande and apart from her husband, having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her by me, declared that she had willingly executed the same that it

is her act & that she does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29 1876

S. G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23d 1877

This Deed from William W. Basham and wife, to Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On January 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/524 Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright purchased the interests of Peter M. Wright and Mary J. Wright in the dower land and certain other property that was part of the estate of Susan Wright:

"This Deed, made January 29th 1876 between Peter M Wright & Sarah J. his wife of the first part and Stephen W and Joel W Wright of the second part, Witnesseth. That, in consideration of one thousand dollars, the said Peter M. Wright and Sarah J his wife hath sold to the said Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the Dower land of Susan Wright decd, and their entire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright known as the Lemon lot in the division of the landed estate of Peter M. Wright decd, also one eighth of the personal property of Susan Wright decd, the payment for the above named property is to be cash, the said Peter M. Wright and wife warrants the title to said real and personal property, with general warranty. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Peter M. Wright
Sarah J. Wright

Bedford County to witt Va

June 8th 1876, this day Peter M. Wright personally appeared before me John H. Fuqua a Notary Public in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the above deed to Stephen W and Joel W. Wright dated the 29th day of January 1876, also Sarah J the wife of Peter M. Wright personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid apart from her husband after having the above writing fully explained to

her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she did not wish to retract it. Given under my hand the day and date above written.

Peter M. Wright
John H. Fuqua N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 20th 1881

This Deed from Peter M. Wright and wife, to Stephen W Wright and Joel W. Wright conveying interest in real estate and personal property, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
John M. Speece D.Clk"

On June 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/365 Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright purchased the interest in a tract of land that was part of the Susan Wright estate from Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. Lemon:

"This Deed made Jany 29th 1876 between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife of the first part & Steph W & Joel W. Wright of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of Eight hundred dollars the said Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife hath this day sold unto the said Stephen W & Joel W. Wright their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright decd also their entire interest in a tract of land belonging to said Susan Wright decd it being know as the Lemon lot in the divisions of the landed Estate of Peter M. Wright Decd, the said Lemon & wife covenant to warrant the title to said land with general warranty. The payments are one half in 12 months from date & one half in two year bonds to bear interest from date till paid. A Lien is retained on said land until the whole of the purchase money is paid Witness the following signatures & seals.

Joel B. Lemon
Eliza A. Lemon

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I S G. Stewart a Natary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Joel B. Lemon & Eliza A. his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing deed bearing date Jany 29th 1876 personally appeard before me and acknowledged the same and the said Eliza A. Lemon being examined by me privily and apart from her husband & haveing the writeing aforesaid fully explained to her, acknowledged the same to be her act that she

had willing executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand January 29th 1876

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1877

This Deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife to Joel W Wright and Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court Certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On October 13, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/235 Joel W. Wright and Eliza S. Wright sold 120 acres of land to Adam P. Feather:

"This Deed made this the 13th day of October 1877 Between Joel W. Wright, and Eliza S Wright his wife of the first part, and Adam P Feather of the second part witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Joel W. Wright, and Eliza S Wright his wife do grant unto the said Adam P. Feather with general warrantee all of two tracts or parcels of land lying in the County of Bedford and bounded as follows. By the lands of Williams Fields, Edward W Dearing, Peter M. Wright and Martha Bowles Meredith Morgan and Joel M. Franklin, and containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, The said Joel. W Wright and Eliza S Wright his wife covenants with the said A P. Feather that he shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hinderance or incumbrance and that the said Joel W Wright, and Eliza S. his wife will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite, Witness the following signatures and seals.

Joel W. Wright
Eliza S. Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford.

Chas H. McManaway a Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid do certify that Joel W. Wright whose name is assigned to the writing above bearing date of the 13th of October 1877 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand the day and date before mentioned.

Chas. H McManaway J.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford, to wit:

We Chas. H McManaway and James M. Pendleton Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid, do certify that Eliza S. Wright the wife of Joel W. Wright whose name is assigned to the writing above bearing date of the 13th of October 1877, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Eliza S. Wright, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this the date and date above mentioned

Chas. H McManaway J.P.

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In Bedford County Court December 8th 1877 This Deed from Joel W. Wright and wife to Adam P. Feather conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

The birth record of Ola Wright was dated on December 28, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Ola Wright
Date of Birth:	December 28, 1877
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	Joel W. & Eliza Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The death record of Fletcher V. Wright, son of J. W. and Eliza Wright, was dated on November 22, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Fletcher V. Wright
Date of Death: November 22, 1878
Place of Death: Bedford County
Cause of Death: Croup
Age: No age given
Names of Parents: J. W. & Eliza Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Designation of Informant: Father"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joel W. Wright with the following household

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Joel W. Wright	W	M	42		
Eliza S. Wright	W	F	43		Wife
Sylvia G. Wright	W	F	16		Daughter
Thomas S. Wright	W	M	14		Son
Nannie Wright	W	F	12		Daughter
Abbie N. Wright	W	F	9		Daughter
Pearl L. Wright	W	F	8		Daughter
Ola Wright	W	F	2		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		Tumor in stomach
M		Keeping house		
S		At School		
S		At School		
S		At School		
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Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	
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1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Joel Wilson Wright was born about 1838 and that Eliza S. (Dearing) Wright was born about 1837.

Before August 28, 1880, James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon, and Eliza A. Lemon filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1890, against Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright for distribution of the estate of their father Peter M. Wright, Sr:

> "To the Hon'l, the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in chancery sitting:
>
> Humbly complaining, shew unto your Honor your orators and oratrix James M. Wright, Peter M. Wright, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A. his wife, that Peter M Wright Senior, late of Bedford County, was in his lifetime, and at the time of his death, possessed of a considerable personal estate, consisting of ordinary personalty, slaves bonds, notes, accounts and money. That the said Peter M Wright, senior, sometime about the day of ____ 1860 departed this life intestate, leaving Sarah Wright his wife, your orators James M. Wright & Peter M. Wright, your oratrix Eliza A. Lemon and Stephen W. Wright, Joel W. Wright, Mary J. Wright, who intermarried with James D. Craft, Nancy A. Wright, who intermarried with Charles H. McManaway and Susan J. Wright, who intermarried with William W. Basham, his children and heirs at law him surviving. . . .

The full text of the complaint and related pleadings and orders has been given in the Section regarding 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County above.

The death record of Joel W. Wright was dated on November 16, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia:

> "Name in Full: Joel W. Wright
> Date of Death: November 16, 1880
> Place of Death: Bedford
> Cause of Death: Unknown
> Age: 41
> Names of Parents: Peter M. & Susan Wright
> Where Born: Bedford
> Status: Married"

This record indicates that Joel Wilson Wright was born in about 1839.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Joel Wilson Wright is located at the Wright/Ferguson Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Joel Wilson Wright

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The will of Joel W. Wright was dated on October 11, 1880, probated in January 1881 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 25/190 and provided as follows:

"I Joel W Wright do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me, First, I desire and direct that all of my just debts be paid Second, I give & bequathe to my wife and children the whole of my real and personal estate, after the payment of my debts. Upon the following conditions to wit so long as my wife remains my widow she is to have full possession & control of my property & use it for the support of her self and children, she may sell such of my personal estate as she may wish & pay off any debts that may be against me & out of the rents & profits of the lands she shall pay the balance of said debts, so soon as the oldest child reaches the age of twenty one I wish my land to be equally divided between them after assigning my wife her dower land but she my wife is only to turn over the childrens land to them as they severally become twenty one years old, unless she wishes to do so. If my wife does not remain my widow but maries after my death, I then in that event direct that her dower be assigned her, & the whole of my estate divided equally between my children, I hereby appoint my beloved wife Eliza S. Wright executratrix of this my will and direct that she shall not be required by the Court to give security as such, and and that she shall not be required to settle her accounts before a Commissioner of the Court In testimony I have hereunto affixed my signature & seal Oct 11th 1880

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of both of us being present at the same time
S. G. Stewart
J F Thaxton

Joel W. Wright

In Bedford County Court January Term 1881,

This the last will and testament of Joel W. Wright deceased bearing date on the eleventh day of October Eighteen hundred and eighty, was produced in Court proved according to law by the oath of J F. Thaxton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who testified that the said Joel W. Wright signed and acknowledged the said will in the presence of him the said J. F. Thaxton and of Samuel G. Stewart the other subscribing witness thereto both being present at the same time and that the said subscribing witnesses signed the said will as witnesses in the presence of each other and of the testator, and at his request

and that the testator was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory and said will was ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of said Joel W. Wright deceased and on the motion of Eliza S. Wright the executrix in said will named who made oath thereto, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (without security according to the terms of said will) Conditioned according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate of said will in due form, and said bond is ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 10, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 25/317 a list of property sold for the estate of Joel W. Wright was filed:

"List of Sales of personal property of Joel W. Wright, sold by Eliza S. Wright Admrx on the 10th March, 1881, on 6 month's time

1 Saw & 2 plows	J. W. Mays		$ .25
1 Colter	J. M. Blankinship		.20
1 Cultivator	Wm. Abot		.35
2 Turning plows	J. W. Mays		.35
Sundries	A. P. Feather		1.00
1 Double tree	W W Basham		.10
2 Turning plows	J W Mays		.70
Left hand & Hillside plow	A. P. Feather		3.00
1 Cultivator	S. W. Wright		4.00
1 Harrow	Do		1.25
3 plow points &c	J. W. Mays		.05
Sundries	A. P. Feather		.25
1 Axe	Ivon West		.25
2 Axes	Saml West		.50
3 Do.	Thos. Meador		.20
1 Mattock	Saml. West		.25
Briar blade &c	C. G. McManaway		.30
1 Yellow Mare	Jno. Parker		70.50
1 bay horse	Jno. P. Wingfield		66.00
1 bay "	James Farmer		51.75
1 bush millet	Robt. Dearing		.85
1 Do Do	Saml. Ferguson		.85
1 Do Do	Peter Thomas		.75
1 Do Do			.70
1 Do Do	Jas Hood		.65
1 Do Do	P. Thomas		.60
3 Bush. Grass seed	R. L. Dearing	100 a.	3.00

5 Do Do Do	G. R. Gish	95 a	4.75
5 Do Do Do	Do	90 a	4.50
8-3/4 Do Do Do	Do	100 a	8.75
1 Milch Cow Black	W. W. Basham		18.25
1 Do Do brindle	Robt Dearing		19.00

List of personal property sold privately after day of sale

1 Yoke oxen afterward sold to Jessie Walker		66.00
Charls G McManaway		77.00
bushel of Corn Meade & Wright		30.00
6 head of Cattle	G. P. Luck	108.00
		281.00

Eliza S. Wright

Commissioner's Office
Novr 10" 1881

The foregoing list of sales was this day returned, examined and found in proper form.

W. W. Berry,
Commr. of Accts."

On April 20, 1882, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 25/315 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Joel W. Wright was filed:

"We the undersigned appraisers appointed by the County Court of Bedford at the January Term of 1881 for the purpose of appraising the personal Estate of Joel W Wright Decd met at his late residence on Saturday the 5th day of March 1881 and after being first sworn mad the following appraisement of the articles hereafter enumerated with the prices attached thereto

Articles	Price
1 lot of chairs	$8.00
1 Clock	2.00
1 Bureau	2.00
1 Table	.50
1 double barrel gun	5.00
1 Musket	.50
3 Tables	1.00
10 Barrels flour	55.00
1 Cider Mill	10.00

1 Grind Stone	1.00
1 Saddle	5.00
1 Saddle	1.50
1 Anvil & Sping	.50
50 Barrels of corn	100.00
1 lot of provender	5.00
1 Carriage	30.00
1 lot of grass seed	12.50
1 lot of Millet	5.00
1 Wheat Fan	5.00
1 lot of hay	25.00
2 plous	6.00
2 double shovels	4.00
1 lot of Single trees	2.00
1 Harrow	1.00
1 grind stone	.50
2 plous	.50
1 cross cut saw	.50
2 cultivators	.50
4 plows	1.00
2 plows	2.00
1 cultivator & Harrow	3.00
4 axes	1.50
1 lot of Single trees	1.00
4 plow points	1.00
1 Briar Scythe	.50
1 Wagon	15.00
1 house of Tobacco	20.00
1 horse Charlie	50.00
1 horse Bel	60.00
1 horse Celim	50.00
1 horse Charlie	25.00
1 horse Fan	60.00
1 horse Jennie	60.00
1 horse Snip	75.00
1 horse Beauty	75.00
1 bay colt	40.00
1 yellow Colt	50.00
1 Sorrel Colt	40.00
1 Bay Colt	65.00
1 Bay Colt	50.00
1 Sorrel Colt	15.00
1 Mower & Rake	10.00
1 Yoke of Oxen	40.00

1 Set of hind gear	5.00
2 Collars	1.00
2 pair of gear	3.00
1 pair of gear	3.00
1 Bull Calf	8.00
1 Milk Cow	15.00
2 White heifers	20.00
1 red heifer	10.00
1 Red Steer	12.00
1 Speckled heifer	12.00
1 black Cow	15.00
1 Speckled heifer	14.00
1 Black Steer	7.00
1 Red Heifer	10.00
20 Sheep	42.00
8 Shoats	12.00
5 hogs	10.00
4 Calves	10.00
	459.00

The following is a list of Bonds belonging to the Estate of Joel W Wright Deceased subject to the credits thereon that are in the hands of Eliz S Wright Executrix of Joel W Wright deceased

One Bond on William A Bowles of Ten dollars
One Bond on Steven W Wright of Six hundred and Seventy seven dollars and Seventy Six cents
One Bond on Steven W. Wright of one hundred and five dollars
One Bond on Samuel West and Ivon J West of One hundred dollars
One Bond on C. W. Graham of Seventeen dollars and fifty cents
One Bond on Sandy Jones Ninety dollars

J W Mays
Wm B Newsom
John W Newsom
Eliza S. Wright

Bedford County to Wit

Personally appeared before me Chas H McManaway a Justice of the County aforesaid Joseph W. Mays William B Newsom and John W Newsom appraisers of the Estate of Joel W. Wright and made oath in due form of Law that the

foregoing appraisement is Just and correct to the best of their Judgment, given under my hand this the 5th day of March 1881

Chas H. McManaway J.P.
Eliza S. Wright

Commissioner's Office, Novr 10" 1881

The foregoing appraisement was this day returned, examined and found in proper form.

W. W. Berry
Commr of accts.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office, April 20th 1882

This Inventory and Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Joel W. Wright deceased, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Saml. H. Quarles, D. Clk."

On May 22, 1882, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 25/341 Eliza S. Wright filed her accounting for the estate of Joel W. Wright:

"The Estate of Joel W. Wright, decd.
In account with Eilza S. Wright, Administratrix

		Dr	
1881			
Jany. 10	To cash paid John Dent in full		50.37
" "	" " "	Jesse Adams	30.99
" "	" " "	George Harris	13.92
Apl. 1	" " "	Thomas S. Wright for money borrowed by decedent	25.00
Augt. 2d	" " "	Jones, Watts & Co. acct.	80.00
Jany 26	" " "	Aunspaugh & Claytor	5.50
Jany	" " "	J. E. Satterwhite for coffin	25.00
Jany 27	" " "	Ro. S. Quarles Clk's tickets for tax & administration fees	7.50
" "	" " "	J. F. Hopkins for services as Auctioneer	5.00
" "	" " "	Eliza Perdue for services as nurse	2.56
" "	" " "	Mrs. Ailsey Wheeler for weaving	2.52
" "	" " "	S. W. Wright on bond	15.00

" "	" " " Thomas Dooley for carpenter's work	5.70
" "	" " " Sim Wright for labor	2.70
Decr 6	" " " Meador, Wright & Co's acct	37.66
	" " " taxes for 1880	73.17
" "	" " " Alexr Feather	.20
April 21	" " " Alexr Smith & Co Mill acct	13.47
" "	" " " W. J. Feather	.90
May 31	" " " Thomas Pullen's acct	1.00
March 12"	" " " J. H. Thompson's acct	7.50
Decr 14"	" " " J. L. Bradley	1.36
June 7	" " " W. S. Baker	5.30
	" " " A. P. Feather's acct	2.03
Decr	" " " D. M. Moss for Mason's work	10.50
Augt. 23	" " " C. D. Foster's acct.	1.35
Decr	" " " Wm Mitchell's acct	1.00
Augt 29	" " " C H McManaway's acct	40.00
Augt 30	To cash paid Jones, Watts & Co. in full of their acct	23.2_
Novr 28	" " " Jordan & Claytor attys' fees in Chy. suit	50.00
1882		
Jany 23d	" " " L. A. Sale atty for Philip Horn	250.00
1882		
Jany 23d	" " " L. A. Sale atty for Daniel Siner	250.00
	" " " R. S. Bradley	1.00
Novr	" " " F. Will's bal.	.38
1881 Decr	" " " W. M. Wright	2.50
"	" " " A. P. or W. J. Feather	.9_
"	" " " A. P. Feather for blacksmith's work 1880	30.98
"	" " " J. W. Mays acct	4.20
1882		
Apl. 18	" fees of Commr. of accounts for registering name &c. Exr & certifying appmt & List of Sales Exr bond & stating & settling acct	10.00

Cr.

1881		
Novr	By amount of appraisement of personal property	1288.50
"	" amount of Sandy Jones' bond	90.00

Commissioner's Office, Apl. 18th 1882

The foregoing account of Mrs. Eliza S Wright Admx. of Joel W. Wright deceased having been duly advertised in Fiduciary List was this day made up and completed.

Given under my hand the day and date above written.

W. W. Berry,
Commr. of Accts

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 20th 1882.

This Settlement of the accounts of Eliza S. Wright, administratrix of Joel W. Wright deceased, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions.

Teste,
Saml H. Quarles, D. Clerk

In Bedford County Court, May 22nd 1882.

This Settlement of the accounts of Eliza S. Wright, Administratrix of Joel W. Wright deceased, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Saml. H. Quarles, D. Clerk"

On January 18, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/433 Eliza S. Wright received a conveyance of a parcel of land from James M. Wright, as trustee, which her husband had purchased before his death:

"This deed made this the 18th day of January 1883 By James M. Wright Trustee in a Deed of Trust made by James P Franklin to me for the benefit of Peter M. Wright Deceased bearing date of the 5th day of July 1855 & duly of record in the Clerks Office of the County Court of Bedford County. To Eliza S Wright widow and Executor of Joel Wright Deceased, Witnesseth that the said James M Wright Trustee has this day conveyed to the said Eliza S. Wright widow and Executor of Joel W. Wright Deceased all his right title and interest as such Trustee in a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford and as described in said Deed of Trust bearing date as aforesaid containing 50 Acres more or less said land being bought by Joel W. Wright at a Public Sale made on the 9th day of September 1871

James M. Wright Trustee

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit

James M Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the 18th day of January 1883 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid this the 18th day of January 1883

Chas H. McManaway J.P.

In Bedford County Court November 26th 1883

This Deed from James M. Wright Trustee to Eliza S. Wright, widow and Executrix of Joel W. Wright deceased, conveying real estate, was produced in Court certified & ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.BC."

On March 25, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/358 Eliza S. Wright, as executrix of the will of Joel W. Wright, deceased, sold a tract of land to Martha Nimmo:

"This Deed made this the 25th day of March 1883 By Eliza S. Wright widow and Executrix of Joel W. Wright Deceased to Martha Nimmo, wife of Daniel Nimmo. Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Eliza S. Wright as the widow and Executrix of Joel W. Wright Deceased has this day conveyed to the said Nimmo all the right title and interest vested in her as such widow and Executrix of Joel W. Wright deceased to a tract of land lying in the County of Bedford and fully described in a Deed of Trust made by James T. Franklin to James M. Wright Trustee for the benefit of Peter M. Wright Decd and purchased by Joel W. Wright at a Public Sale made on the 9th day of September 1871 and sold by Joel W. Wright to Daniel Nimmo in his lifetime Witness my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

Eliza S. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford SS

I, Chas. H. McManaway a Justice of the said County do hereby certify that Eliza S. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of the

25th day of March 1883, acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 25th day of March 1883.

Chas. H. McManaway J.P.

In Bedford County Court, August 30th 1884.

This Deed from Eliza S. Wright Executrix of Joel W. Wright deceased to Martha Nimmo, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The marriage license of Libbie V. Wright and William B. Ferguson dated October 9, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as the daughter of Joel W. and Eliza S. Wright and her age as 20, indicating a date of birth in about 1864.

The marriage license of Thomas Wright and Mary E. McManaway dated November 12, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as the son of Joel W. and Eliza S. Wright and his age as 22, indicating a date of birth in about 1866.

The marriage license of Nannie F. Wright and James W. Stevens dated July 14, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as the daughter of Joel W. and Eliza S. Wright and her age as 21, indicating a date of birth in about 1869.

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of

Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.

. . . . that the said James D. Craft and Mary Jane his wife, Charles H. McManaway and Nancy Ann his wife, Joel B. Lemon and Eliza Annie his wife William W. Basham and Susan Julia his wife, Eliza S. Wright, William B Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife, Thomas S. Wright, James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife, Sarah J. Wright, William I. Dooley and Mary S. his wife, Daniel W. Basham and Maria F his wife, John A. Wright, Willie C. Wright, Annie E. Wright, Mary T. Wright, Susan E. Wright, William P. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. his wife, Adam L. Feather and Mary E his wife, James A. Wright, Alice F. Wright, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright, Mattie J. Wright, Belle L. Wright, Laura C. Wright, Star A. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last seven of whom are infants, under the age of 21 years, ..."

On about September 7, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, John T. Graves and Ida T. Graves, Samuel Woods and Dora A. Woods, and Ellis Wright, as heirs of Stephen W. Wright, filed a complaint to quiet title to certain land that had been owned by the decedent and his brother Joel W. Wright and make an allocation of that land among the heirs:

"To the Honorable J. A. Dupuy, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining, show unto your Honor your orators and oratrices John T. Graves and Ida T. his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, and Ellis L. Wright, that your oratrices and your orator Ellis L. Wright are the only heirs at law of Stephen W. Wright, deceased, who died intestate some years ago.

Your orators and oratrices further represent that the said Stephen W. Wright, in his life time, and his brother Joel W. Wright, in his life time, were the joint owners in equal parts of a tract of land containing 350 acres, more or less, known as the "Meador Wright Farm" and as "The Lemon Tract", adjoining the lands of R. L. Dearing, Mrs. P. M. Wright, Jr., Wm. M. Wright and others, and lying on both sides of the road leading from the Chamblissburg to Stewartsville, in the County of Bedford, Virginia. This tract of land is composed of a tract of about 80 acres which was conveyed to said Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright by J. D. Craft and wife, and of a tract of about 100 acres which had been conveyed to Susan Wright by J. B. Lemon and wife, and of the land which was assigned to said Susan Wright as her dower in the lands of Peter M. Wright, Sr., deceased. Your orators and oratrices charge that they have not been able to find all the

deeds of record in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court which were made to the said Joel W. Wright and Stephen W. Wright for the above mentioned boundary of land. They refer however, to the following: A deed to Eliza A. Lemon from Albon A. Arthur, Comr., dated August 8, 1866, Deed Book QQ, page 266, conveying 100 acres. A deed from Joel B. Lemon and wife to Susan Wright, bearing date June 15, 1863, Deed Book P.P., page 361, conveying 100 acres. A deed from W. W. Basham and wife to J. W. and S. W. Wright, conveying all their interest in the dower land held by Susan Wright, Deed Book WW, page 362. A deed from J. D. Craft and Mary J. his wife to Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright, dated January 29th, 1876, Deed Book WW, page 365, conveying their interest in the dower land of Susan Wright and in the "Lemon Tract", and also in the entire tract of land drawn by Craft and wife in the division of the lands of Peter M. Wright, deceased. A deed from Joel B. Lemon, and wife to Stephen W. and Joel W. Wright, dated January 29, 1876, Deed Book WW, page 365, conveyeing their entire interest in the dower land of Susan Wright, and also their interest in the "Lemon lot" owned by Susan Wright. Liens are reserved in several of these deeds for the deferred payments of purchase money, but your orators and oratrices charge that these liens have long since been paid and satisfied.

Your orators and oratrices charge that for a period of more than fifteen years before the death of said Stephen W. Wright, that he and the said Joel W. Wright had held adversary possession of the whole of said tract of land, and had claimed, used, occupied and enjoyed the same as their own property for more than that length of time, and they further represent that during the life time of the said Stephen W. Wright and Joel W. Wright, they divided this tract of land between themselves, and that by the terms of said division there was assigned to said Joel W. Wright all the land on the South side of the Chamblissburg and Stewartsville road, and to Stephen W. Wright all the lands on the North side of said Chamblissburg and Stewartsville road, and each one entered into the possession of the tract of land so received by him upon said division, but no deed of partition was made between them. They continued thus to occupy in severalty the parcels of land received by them respectively until the death of each of them, and no deeds have yet been made. Your orators and oratrices charge that they have at all times been ready and willing and are now ready and willing to make a conveyance to the heirs of the said Joel W. Wright for the tract of land received by him.

Your orators and oratrices further charge that the said Joel W. Wright has departed this life intestate as to this tract of land, and that the following persons are his only heirs, towit: Libbie V. Ferguson, wife of Wm. B. Ferguson; Nannie F. Stephens, wife of James W. Stephens, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright, the last two of whom are infants under the

age of twenty-one years. Eliza S. Wright, the widow of said Joel W. Wright, also survives him.

Your orators and oratrices further charge that they have divided among themselves the estate of their ancestor, Stephen W. Wright, deceased, and upon said division the tract of land which belonged to said Stephen W. Wright upon the division between him and Joel W. Wright, being that portion of said tract of 350 acres lying on the North side of the road, was allotted and assigned to your oratrix Dora A. Woods, to whom they now desire that title shall be made. They charge that they are not indebted to the estate of Joel W. Wright in any way, and that no conveyance has been made by the heirs of Joel W. Wright, because some of them are infants and unable to make conveyance.

In tender consideration, therefore, of the premises and forasmuch as your orators and oratrices are without adequate relief in the premises save by the aid of a Court of Equity, where such matters are properly cognizable and relievable, they pray that the said Eliza S. Wright, William B. Ferguson and Libbie V. Ferguson his wife, James W. Stephens and Nanie F. Stephens his wife, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright, the last two of whom are infants under the age of twenty-one years, be by proper process made parties defendant to this bill, and waiving an answer under oath from said defendants and each of them, that proper conveyance be made to your oratrix Dora A. Wood of the said portion of the tract of 350 acres of land lying on the North side of the road leading from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville. Grant unto your orators and oratrices the Commonwealth's writ of summons, commanding, &c., and all such further and other aid and relief in the premises as equity and good conscience may dictate and the nature of their case require, and as in duty bound, your orators and oratrices will ever pray, &c.

M. B. Burks pq

Wright &c
1893 Sept. R1 Mo Bill filed

1893 Sept R. 3. Mo. Decree nisi v Defts Eliza S Wright Wm B. Ferguson & Libbie V. his wife, James W. Stephens & Nannie F. his wife, Thomas S. Wright & Abbie D Wright

1893. Octo R. 1 Mo Defts. Eliza S. Wright, Wm B. Ferguson & Libbie V his wife James W Stephens & Nannie F his wife, Thomas S Wright & Abbie D Wright failing to appear bill taken for confessed as to them &

Filed Sept __ 1893 . . . . cause set for hearing as to them on plaintiffs motion On Motion of plaintiffs J. Lawrence Campbell appointed Gdn. ad litem for Infant

defts Pearl L Wright and Ola G Wright, ans. infant defendants filed & cause set for hearing as to them on plaintiffs Motion.

On September 7, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, summonses were issued against the heirs of Joel W. Wright to answer the complaint of the heirs of Stephen W. Wright:

"To the Sheriff of Franklin County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon Wm. B. Ferguson and Libbie V. his wife (Live at Boons Mill) to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by John T. Graves and Ida T his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A his wife and Ellis L. Wright.

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of Sept, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed on the within named parties by delivering to them a true copy of the within Sum Sept 15th 93 C.C. Price D.S. Franklin"

"To the Sheriff of Roanoke County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon James W. Stephens and Nannie F. his wife and Thos S Wright (Live in Vinton) to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the Third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by Jno T. Graves and Ida T his wife Samuel Woods and Dora A his wife and Ellis L. Wright.

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of September, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed Sept 11th 1893 by delivering true copies of the within summons to the within named Jas W. Stephens & Nannie F Stephens his wife & Thos S. Wright in person in Roanoke Co. wherein they reside

Geo W Zinkle S.Rf"

"To the Sheriff of Bedford County Greeting:
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

We command you that you summon Eliza S Wright and Abbie D. Wright to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, holden for Bedford County, at the rules to be held in the Clerk's Office thereof, on the Third Monday in September 1893 to answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them and others in the said court by Jno T. Graves and Ida T his wife Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L Wright

And have then there this writ. Witness, John M. Speece, Clerk of our said court, at the Court House, the 7th day of September, 1893, in the 118 year of the Commonweath.

John M. Speece

Executed Sept 14" 1893 on Eliza S. Wright & Abbie D Wright by delivering to each of them a true copy of the within Sums

John W Huddleston DS
for R. S. Huddleston S.B.C."

In September 1893 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, J. Lawrence Campbell, as guardian ad litem for Pearl L. Wright and Ola G. Wright filed his answer to the complaint and submitted the matter to the court for decision:

"To His Honor the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County.

The answer of Pearl L Wright and Ola G Wright infants under the age of twenty-one years, by J Lawrence Campbell, their guardian ad litem to a bill of complaint exhibited against them & others by John T. Graves & others in the Circuit Court of Bedford County these respondents by said guardian for answer unto the said bill, say that they are infants under the age of twenty-one years & they have no knowledge of the matters and things set forth in said bill, not cognizant of their

rights, and therefore submit them to the protection of the Court. Having answered they pray to be hence dismissed, &c.

Pearl L. Wright)
Ola G. Wright) Infants
by J. Lawrence Campbell
Guardian ad litem"

On October 11, 1893, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 2835, the court appointed a commissioner to convey 350 acres of land to Dora A. Wood in accordance with her complaint:

"At Bedford Circuit Court, October 11th 1893.

John T. Graves, and Ida T. his wife, Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife and Ellis L. Wright Plaintiffs
against
Eliza S. Wright, William B. Ferguson, and Libbie V. Ferguson his wife, James W. Stephens, and Nannie F. Stephens his wife, Thomas S. Wright, Abbie D. Wright, Pearle L. Wright, and Ola G. Wright, the last two infants under the age of twenty one years by J. Lawrence Campbell their Guardian ad litem Defendants.

This day this cause which has been regularly matured and set for hearing at rules, came on to be heard on the bill of the complainants taken for confessed as to the adult defendants, the answer of the infant Dfendants Pearle L. Wright and Ola G. Wright by J. Lawrence Campbell their Guardian ad litem and on the orders and proceedings at the rules and was argued by counsel: On consideration whereof, the Court doth confirm said proceedings at the rules and doth adjudge, order and decree that M. P. Burks, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do for and on behalf of the parties to this suit convey unto the complainant Dora A. Wood that portion of the tract of Three hundred and fifty acres of land in the bill mentioned which lies on the North side of the road leading from Chamblissburg to Stewartsville in the County of Bedford, Virginia.

And all the objects for which this suit was instituted having been attained it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket, with liberty reserved to the parties, respectively to apply hereafter on reasonable notice for any further order or decree which may be necessary to carry out and give full force and effect to this decree."

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eliza S. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities Street	House Number	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
		241	243	Eliza S Wright Abbie D Wright Pearl L Wright Ola G Wright Otis Lewis

Relation	Personal Description					
Relation-ship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head S	W	F	Mch	1844	26	Wd
Daughter	W	F	Jan	1875	25	S
Daughter	W	F	Feb	1877	23	S
Daughter	W	F	Mch	1877	21	S
Servant	W	F	Apl	1887	11	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
	3	3	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer		
			Teacher	7	
			Teacher	7	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that Eliza (Dearing) Wright was born in March 1844.

Our Kin stated that Joel Wilson Wright was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright, married Eliza Dearing, and had the following children:

1) Libbie Verna (Wright) Ferguson,
2) Thomas Stephen Wright,
3) Nancy Frances (Wright) Stephens,
4) Fletcher Vermilion Wright,
5) Abbie Dunsmore Wright,
6) Pearl Lee (Wright) Foutz, and
7) Ola Gish Wright.

ix. Louisa Frances Wright

Louisa Frances Wright was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

The 1850 Census of Bedford County, Virginia, listed Frances Wright in the Peter Meador Wright household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

On April 19, 1856, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Louisa Frances Wright received her report card from Botetourt Springs:

"L. F. Wright
Botetourt Springs, April 19th 1856

Since the 4th day of Feb to this date, the standing of your daughter in Scholarship, Deportment, &c, has been as exhibited below.

Collegiate Department.

Latin:	{ Junior Class		Moral Science:	{ Junior Class
	{ Senior "			{ Senior "
French:	{ Junior "	Natural		{ Junior "
	{ Senior "	Science:		{ Senior "
Mathematics:	{ Junior "	Music:		{ Vocal,
	{ Senior "			{ Instrumental,
				{ Thorough Bass.

Preparatory and Irregular.

English Grammer,	4-7/9	Familiar Science,	Spelling and
Arithmetic,	4-2/3	Latin,	Reading,
Geography,	P 3.	French,	Composition, 3-1/5
History,		Algebra,	Drawing,
			Painting,

Deportment. 5

No. of absences from Worship,
" " " " Recitation, 3
5 signifies in Scholarship, excellent; in Deportment, very orderly.

4	"	"	"	very good;	"	orderly.
3	"	"	"	good;	"	tolerable.
2	"	"	"	moderate;	"	disorderly.
1	"	"	"	Deficient;	"	very disorderly."

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. F. Wright in the P. M. Wright household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

On April 22, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/547 Louisa F. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright and Rowland D. Buford, as commissioner, to sell a parcel of land to Gustavus A. Wingfield that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On May 28, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/563 Louisa F. Wright joined other heirs of Peter M. Wright to sell to Charles McManaway 183-3/4 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter M. Wright, Sr.

On October 4, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, V. B. West wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp lee Augusta Coty
October the 4th 1861

Cear Cousin

I take my pin pin handn to let your no that I am well and hope when these few lins come to hand tha ma find you injoying the same good blessing I havent much nuse to writ camp life is not so easy as some of our boys thought for but no harder than I expected we hav had plenty to eat but dont no how long it will hoald out theire is nine companys here and as soon as there is an other company coms in we will form a ridgment and then we will march to lewisburg we hav got our arms and hav bin ldnerling(?) some some of our boys has bin sick since we left home but not dangerous some ar complaining now Peter and James is well and in good spirits our company has the praise there is four bedford compnys here tha all want to no what is the wether with old bedford by so many men comeing from there there was some six or seven of our men went threw an examinaton the band ____ woul not be examined only one got a discharg pure plag the others some Fanna you must writ soon as you get this and tel me all the nuse I would be glad to here from you all evry day if i can __ tel

Joel to write to me soon so I must bring my letter to a close by Giving my my lov to you and all inquiring frends

V B West
To Fanna Wright"

On October 30, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, H. G. Saunders wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Centrevill Fairfax Co Va
Oct the 30th 1861

Miss Fannie

As an oportunity has presented itself I will try and comply with my promise to you when I saw you last. in the first place, I cannot promise you anything interesting. Our Regiment left to day to go on picket Some four miles from this place I hope the weather will continue good untill they may return which will be in a few days.

Heavy breast works is being put up at this place much stronger than those at Manassas the Yankies will be fools if they undertake to take this place. I hope they will for we can just sweep them if they come. I saw Gov Licks to day with Gen Johnson Beauregard Smith Vandorn Longstreet & other Generals We have a grand turnover of all the Regiments and you may depend upon it that the ____ was a grand one. Gov. Lickes Presented all of the different Regments with flags from Virginia they were more than beautiful how I do wish that you could have been here to have witnessed the scene.

Your Old beau & prince is not so well he is looking quite badly though I hope not seriously ill he is going about yet I think a trip to Bedford would be beneficial to him and the sight of Miss Fannie would cure him, dont you think so too.

I cam to camp before my time was out and by the way had to take my beer the next day and to tell you the truth I have no business here now and if I do not get better soon I shall try and come back to Bedford and stay there untill am well. this is no place for sick man or beast

I am rather inclined to think that we shall not have much more fighting to do here at this place and I am in hopes not much more any where else.

I hope to hear from you again and as soon as is convenient for you to write you must excuse my pencil for ink is very scarce in this part of the moral Vinyard

present my regards to all who may enquire after me accept of my warmest regards and believe me to be your sincere friend

H. G. Saunders

Address
Manassas Junction
To the care of Capt W. L. Wingfield
28th Va. Vols"

On November 7, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, C. M. Calvert wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Centreville Fairfax Co. Va Nov. 7th 1861

Dr Lady

I rec'd your kind & welcome letter of the 17th Oct in due time & I should have answered it before now But I do not like to annoy the girls to much with my scribbling And another thing I have been constantly employed for several weeks We have been out on picket duty for several days also Throwing up breast works We were out on picket during that Tremendous storm of last Friday & saturday nights We had no sheltors to protect us from the rain & wind but we made out some way I cannot tell now hardly how Saturday night we marched to Camp a distance of about 5 miles wading all the creeks which were very flush & when we arrived at camp we found all our tents blown down & we had to camp out till morning I stood it all very well But if I had been at home & knew I had to under go such hardships I should have thought it almost death After we got straitened out from our picket trip we commenced Throwing up breatworks & are at it yet We are getting Centreville & vicinity pretty well fortified We have some of the best Batteries thrown up here I ever saw but we havent got the guns planted yet also we have some splending plain breastworks for infantry But I fear the Yankees will never face these breatworks to fight us & I am thinking if we get a fight out of them down this way we will have to make the attack on them And I do not see any better prospect of a fight here now than I did some time ago We have been looking for a fight every day for a long time & we are still looking for it But day after day passes bye & yet no yankees advance And now that the cold winds of Nov. have began to blow nearly every Soldiers has expressed a wish for the yankees to come on & fight us For all believe that if we could whip them again that we would get into winter quarters And of course we ar all confident of Victory But we do not look for victory because the yankees will not fight We look for it because we southern soldiers never intend to give back We do not claim it because we think the yankees will not fight for we know they will fight they were tried on the field at manassas for ten long hours did they pour in their volleys into

our little bands but finding they could not break through our little band they gave it up & left & so it will be next time But for fear you will think I am trying to boast I will drop that subject I will now try to tell you something about our little company for we have a very small company now to wiat it was when we left CrossRoads We have lost 6 of our little band by death 3 discharged & many of them now sick at home & at hospitals & some few sick in camp now But we are not the only Company that is small every Company in our Reg. is very small Well as there is no late news pertaining to Army affairs I will drop that subject & close pretty soon for I know you are tired of reading such scribbling ere you have read this far Well Miss Fanny how has your cousin Sallie got I heard she had a spell of sickness about Mr. Fouts leaving And since John has got sick at Staunton I fear Miss Salle will get worse Tell Sarah to cheer up that Johny will come back after awhile I am very sorry of Johny he stayed with his sweetheart till he thought the malitia would be drafted & then he Volenteered & had to leave his sweetheart at last Well Miss Fanny how was it you did not get sick when your sweetheart left. As you all get letters from the Western Army I would like to hear the latest news from there myself for I do not hear from them often also if you all have any news from Kentucky that is late I would like to hear it You must look over all mistakes & in case bad composing &c for I am writing with a half dozin of the boys sitting around me laughing & talking I will now close by entendring my symphathies to the Ladies in their Lonesomeness & I am pleased to learn that they symphatise with us while we are enduring the hardships of camp life Hoping to hear from you again soon I will now close by bidding you good bye for this time

As ever Your Friend
C. M. Calvert"

On November 28, 1861, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, V. B. West wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Nov the 28 1861
Hyland Co Va
Strait creek Po of

Dear cousin

I take my pin in hand to let you no that I am well and hop whin these few lines coms to hand tha may find you injoying the same blesing I received yore lettir wich was dated the 1st it giv me grat satisfaction to read I would be glad to here from you all every day if I could I havent much nuse to writ we ar at work on our houses to winter in we hav about thirty houses commenst but I dont no whin we will get thame done but I hop it will not be long if we hav got to sta here it will take abut sixty houses to hold this ridgment there was an artilry company come here wednesday eavning tha come from green brine river the forcses is all left

greenbrier an gon to manassa there was fore thousan stad at montorey the other night tha was going to manassa and one ridgment come to craborched 7 miles west of this camp tha ar going to take winter qarters there there was one man did las night in cap holly company mr nimmo was the man from Franklin Co tha ar going to sind him home to be barried so I must qit writing for I hav nothing to writ that will interrest you Jams an Peter is well and mess no 5 is all well we hav lost two men out of our company Gorg Fouts and Gorg Almon and grat many sick yet we hav had two snows here and some here yet Fanna you must come over and see me when we mov in our houses So I must close by asking you to writ soon giv my lov to aunt an all the rest giv my lov to and respects to al inquireing friends except a due portion for yourself

V B West"

On August 16, 1862, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, C. M. Calvert wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp Near Gordonsville
Aug. 16th 1862

Dr Friend

I do not think that I am due you a letter & if I mistake not you are due me One if you received my las but whether you received it or not I cant say But If I knew you had received my letter & did not wish to answer it be sure I would not trouble you with these lines But thinking my last letter might have be misplace I have concluded to drop you a few lines again to day And now I have commenced I fear I shall not be able to interest you as there is but little news afloat here at this time if there is I have not been able to to get hold of it yet We are camped near Gordonsville We left Richmond last Sunday about 1 O Clock & got to Gordonsville about 9 O Clock that night we tramped about several days & finally we picked tents about 3 miles from Gordonsville in Louisa Co. We have a very pleasant camp but I am fearfull we will not remain here long for we got orders last night to have 3 days rations cooked & put in Haversaks & we expected to leave this morning but it is now 10 O clock & everything is very still & I hope it may turn out to be a false alarm yet for we have such a pleasant camp I hate to have to leave it so soon where it is expected We will go I am not able to say It may be an expected fight or it may be to change our position Well Miss Fanny I suppose you would like to hear some of the general war news but I am sorry that I am not able to furnish you much that will interest you from the best information I can get from Jackson he fell back with his army after the Battle of last Saturday but whether the enemy will advance again soon or whither they have advanced I am not able to say but I suppose they will as they no doubt will claim a glorious victory gained on that day simply because Jackson fell back after he had drove

them back about 3 miles & held the ground as long as he wished to The federal loss was at least 3 to our One. As for what is going on in other parts of our Confederacy I cant say for I havent seen but One paper since I arrived at this place & that was a Lynchburg Republican & it had but very little news of any kind in it I havent saw but few of Jacksons men since I come to this place but I have heard from several Regiments I heard from the 58th Va there was but few men kiled out of James or Madors companies I learned that Lt W. J. Jeter was kiled I heard from no one else in that Company 2 of Meadors Company was kiled & 1 mortally wounded none of your friends hurt that I heard of I havent heard from your Bro: Joel I saw him while we were all at Richmond together he was quite well at that time & looked as if though he could stand service finely he was very cheerfull I would like to see the Bedford boy if I could but we are too far apart to visit in a sqarly time like this when one does not know what hour his Brigade may move But while I would like to see the Bedford boys I had much rather see some of the Bedford Ladies but they too are too far off to visit when furlough & are out of fashion & they are certainly out of fashion here now. It true It has not been so very long since I was at home but I was sick all the time & the weather was so bad that I could not visit but very little now. If I could get home I feel Just like I could go all over Bedford in One day But If I could come now. I should feel at a loss to have here for I know we are all kneeded here or will be probably in a few days But I do not fear having to choose between the two soon & if furloughs are given at all this year it will be after the campaign has closed & the weather sit in bad again so that no armies can move on land. Will miss Fanny I have no doubt you have become very tired of reading this uninteresting letter so I shall soon close I will first tell you something about Co. D 28th Va Vol our company is healthier than it has been for some time before we have upwards of sixty men for duty now & about 70 in camp Your umble servant is one who is enjoying fine health at this time & he is also enjoying himself in general very well considering the dull times in camp I will now close hoping to hear from you soon & to hear all the news from Bedford Both good & bad

Direct to Gordonsville Co. D. 28th Va Vol. 3 Brigade Longstreets Division

Addressed to
Mrs Fanny Wright
Chamblissburg"

As ever your Friend
C. M. Calvert

On November 24, 1864, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Wm. W. Basham wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Camp 5 miles south of New Market Nov the 24 1864

My much estemed Sister yours of the 13 come to hand last tuesday and was gladly received but was sorry to learn that you was so unwel hope you are well

ere this I was glad to here that Ma had got on so well seeding and to learn that her hogs ware doing well and to learn that she was getting on so well getting up her corn I would like to know how the corn is turning out and mine allso as I havent had a word about it. Fannie I cant help thinkin that the apples ought to have made uncle Jo his part of the brandy and more besides had he attended to them according to bargain though I wont complain a bout it as he was so pestered and has had so much bad luck though if I had treated him in in the same man[ner?] I think he would have complained abou[t] it though I may think wrong. Fannie all seem to be astonished that I was pass[ed] for field service and think that it wo[uld] have bin better for me to have went before the bord in Richmond though thar has bin several assigned to light duty here ____ for field service though I believe that the doctor of our regiment who was one of the board thinks that I havent received justice as he has told me twice since that he would send me before the bord again if he found I couldnt stand service he says that they ____ notice ____ my ____ and he examined me ____ said but he could discover the enlargement early ____ and he said he would attend to it, though I dont expect to get of till they try me a while as my helth is as good or better than usual. I am about well of the mumps and shal answer rool call tomorrow morning if nothing happens to me, your Brothers and Craft and Lemon are well they got back the same knight they left they got in sight of the yankees but was not engaged in the fight our cavalry and sharp shooters drove them back give my love to all inquiring friends if any there be and receive a kind sisters portion your self mary and ____ you in this world and save you in the world to come to the desire of your unworthy Brother

Wm W Basham"

On December 15, 1864, in James M. Wright Letters, Special Collections Department, Duke University, Samuel E. James wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"20th Virginia Regiment
Dec. 15th 1864.

Dear Cousin

I avail my-self of the present Opportunity of informing you That your kind and interesting letter of Some time Since her birth received and read with pleasure. I was very glad indeed to receive a letter from you and hope you will be pleased to favour Me with an other Soon

This leaves me well hoping it may find you enjoying the Same.

I have no news of importance to communicate at present. All is quiet on the lines at this time.

Genl Grant has been brought to a bad halt and we think he is about as near Richmond as he will be able to get this year.

Cousin: I tell you I am getting very tired of this Civil War and hope it may Soon be brought to a close and Swett peac will once more Smile, on Our now troubled Country but most of the profits here think the War will last four years longer it is hard to have to Stay here and fight yankees four years longer but we must fight them on til they are Satisfied that they Can not subjugate us by force of arms which they never can do. _____ have _____ will bring this uninteresting note to a close by requesting you to write to me often. I receive but only few letters as I do not write to every One except my Sisters and therefore receive but few letters.

Give My Love to Aunt Susan

E____

Cousin if you hear any thing from Brother Vern(?), through Cousin Peters letters, please inform me. Please inform me where Stephen Wright is, whether he is at home or in Service?

I remain Dear Cusin,
yours Affectionately
Saml E. James

For Miss Fannie Wright"

On August 7, 1865, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Nathan Richardson wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Bigler's Mills
Aug. 7th 1865

Miss Fannie Wright

Dear Miss

I hope you will excuse my presumption in selecting you as a medium in writing to your family I reached Lynchburg at four oclock P.M. of the same day I left your house and had to remain till late the next morning While there I came near being arrested on account of my brass buttins - being halted and told that I must cut them off or have them covered but I have done neither up to the present The second night of my journey was spent at Burksville in an old house that was almost torn down, but that was better than some of my fellow passengers injoyed - they having to stay under the trees andin old cars. At this place I meet with an aquaintance from my county who had been up country after his sister wher she

had been going to school my friend having to remain over a day placed his sister in my care but unfortunately for me the car occupied by the ladies was so full I could not get a seat and I was compelled to ride in a boxcar on a tobacco hogshead I reached Richmond Thursday night and remained there till Saturday morning trying to get transportation from there home but did not succeed I left Richmond early Saturday morning and reached James Town about 12 oclock where I found a friend going direct to Williamsburg who offered me a seat in his buggy. I reached town that night but did not get home till Monday evening - having walked in my journey only about twelve miles I found my brotherin-laws family all living but some of them were quite sick and the children so much grown that I hardly knew them Miss Fannie I cannot express the joy I felt at once more meeting with dear ones that I had been seperated from so long - it was the happiest moment of my life and I felt at the time as if it almost repaid me for all that I had suffered and endured. I have not been able yet to go to Maryland but hope to go in a few days I cannot discribe the appearance of this country at this time - the whole country has been laid waste and Williamsburg is almost depopulated and the houses pulled down to build barracks and negro huts I suppose about one fourth of the city is standing and that in a deplorable condition Where Hampton stood there is nothing but negro huts made for the most part of barrel staves and it is so all over the country - we have villages towns and cities of negroes whose number is estimated at fifty thousand more than there was before the war and they are the only people that have anything. The citizens have lost all and the negros have got all - they have growing crops of corn and everyone a horse which has been furnished by the government - there is nothing to do without you work for the negro A good many persons have tried to get possession of their lands but have failed if occupied by freedmen - they are put off with the promis that they shall have the land after the crops are gathered I have tried to regain some property in possession of a yankee but have failed so far. Without the freedmen (as they are generally termed by the yanks) are sent from this country the whites will have to leave - there is not room enough for both as it is now one or the other must leave. How our citizens that remained made out to live I cannot see - they must have suffered more more than any other set of people in the south for they had both negro or yankee to contend with on land and on water - the negroes would band together and rob at night and the soldiers in the day. The only thing unchanged here is old York river it is as natural as it can well be and I have had several delightful excursions on it since my return but I am not able to go in the sun much as I have been quite sick and am not well yet so I have to stay at home most of my time I have not been able to visit scarcely any of my friends and the weather is so excessively hot I do not care to travel about much even if I was well Give my best respects to all the family especially to your mother I feel that I am under many obligations to her and her whole family for their kindness to me a perfect stranger and shall always remember with feelings of pleasure every member of the family Tell Mr Bassham if he will come down I can give him plenty of

amusements as there is the greatest qantity of game of all kinds and fish without number and of the best kind I wish I could send you all some oysters I expect they would be a curiosity as well as a dainty dish If Mr Tigg is with you still; give him my regards and say to him I shall expect an invitation to his wedding also that he must write to me and tell Mac the first time I took a ride the horse ran away and smashed the buggy but I held on to the rains I expect you will find it difficult to decipher this scratch I cannot call it writing but hope you will be able to make out most of it It would give me great pleasure to hear from you all and I hope you will condescend to write a few lines in reply if only to let me know this has been received. My office is Williamsburg York Co Va.

A friend of mine Dr Warren intends settling in your country near Bottetort springs I hope that you may meet with him and think he is a perfect gentleman and also fine looking - he blongs to one of the oldest families in the state and stands high as a physician I will now close trusting to hear from you all soon

Yours respecfully
Nathan Richardson"

On November 12, 1865, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Nathan Richardson wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Nov 12th 1865

Miss Fannie West

Dear Miss

Your letter of the 24th of September was recieved on the 6 inst and I glad to hear that you were all well and hope you may continue to enjoy a blessing that I have been deprived off ever since I left your county While in Maryland I had a six weeks spell, which came very near stopping my earthly career but I am now improving rapidly I spent a week in Baltimore a short time since and had a very good time visiting the theatre and other places of amusement and in noticing the fashions of the city You can see no effect of the war there except you now and then meet a cripple - everybody and everything seems prosperous and lively and business is quite brisk I am not yet located and I have some notion of going to Florida as one of my brothers in-law expects to move there this winter I do not think I can stay here as there are to many negroes here for comfort besides there are only two young ladies in the neighborhood and they are both engaged While in Maryland I heard Mr Bebe preach and was very much pleased with his discourse and appearance I am sorry you did not recieve my first letter but I suppose there will not be any more difficuty Give my respects to Mr Tigg also my congratulations provided he is married - he did not send me word who the

chosen one was He is decidedly more fortunate than I Tell Mr B. I hope he come out conqueror in his contest with the briers also that I have a nice time hunting turkeys and ducks and as for squirrels I do not pretend to notice them though there are hundreds of them and deer but we have no dogs to hunt them with and that I have not done a days work since I have been home and I fear it will be a hard matter to get broke in Give my best respects to your mother and all other members of the family I should be very happy to see you all again if it were possible and I shall always be glad to hear from you can find time to drop me a few lines. Yours respecfully

Nathan Richardson"

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/265 Louisa F. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Peter Meador Wright, Jr., 15 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/266 Louisa F. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Eliza A. Lemon 100 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On August 8, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/267 Louisa F. Wright and other heirs of Peter M. Wright, Sr., by Albon A. Arthur, as commissioner, transferred to Joel W. Wright 120 acres of land that belonged to the estate of Peter Meador Wright.

On March 1, 1868, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Louisa Jane Lemon wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"home botetourt Co March first 1868

My dear Aunt Fannie

Although I received your kind and interresting letter this morning I will write you a few lines from which you will learn that we are all tolerably well at this time hope this will find you all well and doing well - we were sory to hear that Uncle Peter was not well yet Cousin Ed came home yesterday evening I went to preaching to day had a very good sermon we want to go to singing to morrow if the weather is fit Ellvira would like to go with you to Franklin but do not think she can go I have not been over to Cousin Nannie since Christmas I am very anxious to

go Mrs Gough is better than when she wrote not much better other ways Aunt Fannie you throw off on me about not writing you with out Ma but I dont mind it for I acknowll it is still time I would not be willing to leave her that long so far Although I would be very much pleased in deed to visit you and Grand Ma or to have you both visit us Aunt Fannie since I have been writing this we have hear the dreadful news that our neighbor Thomas B Gode is dead he started from here last Monday morning to go to Rockbridge to get some money that was due him there he also visited his sister who lived in that county and was on his way home his sister and her two children were with him they stopped to stay all night at Mr Millers about ten mils below Buchannan who lived in a large brick house after they had all gone to bead the house caught on fire and he was burned up also a black girl was burned up so completely were burned up that only a portion of their bones could be found his sister escaped at an upper window with her two children the rest of the family escaped in their night clothes his Mother who lives in Mr Mc Farlan new house in eight of us was looking for them hom when the dreadful news was received no wonder that we could hear their screams in our house he was Pas substitute in the army and the main support of his fathers family he was a member of mill creek church my hand is tiered and I must close so good bye

Louisa jane Lemon
to Aunt Fannie"

On June 22, 1869, The Lynchburg Daily Virginian published the following news account of the death of Fanny Wright:

"The Murder of Miss Wright. - Of this mysterious affair, heretofore mentioned, the Bedford Chronicle says: 'Miss Fanny Wright, daughter of P. M. Wright, Esq., who resides some two or three miles west of Pea Town, (Chamblissburg,) left her father's residence on Wednesday of last week, to visit one of her relatives living in the neighborhood, with whom she had some business transactions. We learn that while there, she received some $300 and when she left, on her return home, had that amount in her possession. Nothing further was known of her after her departure, until her lifeless body was discovered lying in the road. No marks of violence, we are informed, were visible upon her person; but, as the money had been abstracted from it, it is more than probable that she had been murdered and robbed. Several rumors are current that suspicion has fastened upon two or three individuals, who were supposed to have been implicated in the commission of this horrid deed; but, as we have been unable to glean any authentic information concerning the matter, we are compelled to await the developments of the future."

On February 3, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/520 Joel B. and Eliza A. Lemon sold their interest in the estate of L. Frances Wright to William W. Basham:

"This Deed made the 3d day of February 1870, between Joel B. Lemon and Eliza A his wife of the County of Botetourt, of the first part, and William W Basham of the County of Bedford, of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to them in hand paid, do grant and convey to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all their undivided interest, consisting of the one equal ninth part, in all the lands of L Fannie Wright decd. lying in Bedford County & State of Virginia and consisting of two separate and distinct lots or parcels which were laid off and assigned to her, as one of the heirs of Peter M. Wright decd, by the Commissioners who made partition of the estate of the said Peter M Wright decd amongst his heirs as will be shewn by the said partition, which is now on record in the said County of Bedford and the said grantors warrant generally the title to the property hereby conveyed. It is understood however that they do not convey their in the said L Fannie Wright's interest in the dower land which was assigned to her mother Susan Wright, as the widow of the said Peter M. Wright decd. Witness the following signatures and seals

Joel B Lemon
Eliza A Lemon

Clerk's Office of Botetourt County Court February 3d 1870

This Deed from Joel B Lemon & his wife, to William W Basham having a revenue Stamp of fifty cents affixed & cancelled, was this day produced to me in my Office and acknowledged before me by the said Joel B. Lemon the grantor. And at the same place and on the same day Mrs Eliza A Lemon the wife of the said Joel B Lemon also personally came before me in my said Office, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her She the said Eliza A Lemon acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had executed it willingly and does not wish to retract it Given under my hand

John Camper Clerk
of Botetourt County Court

In Bedford County Court August 3rd 1870

This Deed from Jel B. Lemon & wife to William W. Basham conveying an interest in real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with Fifty Cents United States

Internal Revenue Stamp, cancelled according to law, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, CBC"

On or about September 5, 1890, the children of Stephen W. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2593, for an order directing the transfer of certain land originally owned by Peter M. Wright and allocated to Stephen W. Wright pursuant to court orders that had been lost and stated that Louisa Frances Wright had died unmarried and without children:

"To the Honorable Jno. D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor.

Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your Orators and Oratrices Ellis L Wright, Jno T. Graves and Ida F. his wife, and Samuel Woods and Dora A. his wife, that some time about the year 1861 one Peter M Wright at that time a resident of this County (Bedford) departed this life seised and possessed of a large landed estate and valuable personal property; that the said Peter M. departed this life intestate surviving him nine children to whom his said real estate descended, whose names were as follows, to wit: Mary Jane, wife of James D. Craft, Nancy Ann, wife of Charles M. McManaway, Eliza Annie wife of Joel D. Lemon, Susan Julia wife of William W. Basham, Louisa Frances Wright, Joel W. Wright, Peter Meador Wright, James Matthew Wright and Stephen W. Wright.
. . . .

Your Orators and Oratrices further represent that after the death of the said Peter M. Wright the said Louisa Frances Wright, attained the age of twenty one years and then died intestate, unmarried and without issue, and before said allotment and division. . . ."

Our Kin stated that Louisa Frances Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and was thrown from a horse and killed in young womanhood.

x. Martin Van Buren Wright

Martin Van Buren Wright was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

Our Kin stated that Martin Van Buren Wright was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and died in infancy.

xi. Elizabeth A. Wright

Elizabeth A. Wright was a daughter of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

Our Kin stated that Elizabeth A. Wright was a daughter of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and died in childhood.

xii. Thomas Benton Wright

Thomas Benton Wright was a son of 1860 Peter Meador Wright of Bedford County and Susan (James) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1860 Peter Meador[4])

Our Kin stated that Thomas Benton Wright was a son of Peter Meador Wright and Susan (James) Wright and died in infancy.

c. Mary Louise "Polley" (Wright) Meador, Her Husband Wilson "Wilse" W. Meador, And Her Descendants

Mary Louise "Polley" (Wright) Meador was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

The marriage bond of Mary Wright and Wilson Meador was dated on April 23, 1832, at Bedford County, Virginia, with the consent of Matthew Wright and John A. Wright as surety and the wedding on May 1, 1832:

> "Mr Mitchell Clerk of Bedford Court, you will please to issue Licence to Marry Wilson Meador to Mary Wright Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1832
>
> Test. Matthew Wright
> John A. Wright

> Know all men by these presents that we Wilson Meador and John A. Wright are held and firmly bound unto John Floyd Esqr. Governor of the State of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors in office we bind ourselves our

heirs executors and admrs jointly and severally firmly by thes presents sealed with our seals and dated this 23d day of April 1832 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Wilson Meador and Mary Wright If therefore there be no legal cause to obstruct the same then the obligation to be Void else to remain in full force

Teste	Wilson Meador
Ro C. Mitchell	John A Wright

Mr. Robert C Mitchell, Sir. Since my last report I have celebrated the rights of marriage between the following persons Viz.

1832 May 1st Wilson Meador to Mary Wright
. . . ."

If Mary and Wilson were at least 16 years of age at the time of their marriage, their dates of birth would be probably before 1817. Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Mary (Wright) Meador was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Mary Meador as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 10

we alot to Marry Meador containing 100 acres of Land in Franklin on the waters of linvill creek & laid of as follows Begining at paynes & simmons corner pointers thence along the line of Lot No 3 N 37 W 71 poles to a post oak near parth thence along Simmons line S 5 W 17 poles to a dead post oak S 55 W 58 poles to pointers in Hine line thence along his X Beard line S 35 E 166 poles to Paynes corner dead post oak thence along this line N 10 E 170 poles the Begining

Value of	$402
To pay Lot No 8	27
	375

. . . ."

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright Hefts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Polly (Wright) Meador as a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright and her husband as Wilson Meador.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wilson Meador with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Land Value	Born
Wilson Meador	55	Farmer	$3,100	Virginia
Mary Meador	45			Virginia
Florentine Meador	17			Virginia
Julian S. Meador	16			Virginia
Mary S. Meador	14			Virginia
Julia (John?) W. Meador	10			Virginia
Martha A. Meador	7			Virginia
Septimas J. Meador	3			Virginia
A. S. Minter	24	None		Virginia

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Meador was born in about 1805 and that Wilson Meador was born in about 1795.

On February 7, 1851, Wilson Meador applied for bounty land by reason of his service in the War of 1812. The application is part of Files W.C. 32,991 and B.L.Wt. 58387-120-50 and provides as follows:

"State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) SS

On this 7th day of February, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Wilson Meador, aged fifty eight years, a resident of Bedford County in the State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Wilson Meador who was a private soldier in the

company commanded by Captain John P. Gray, in the second regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Col. J. Ambler in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States on the 18th day of June 1812 that he Volunteered and went from Bedford, on or about the last day of August, A.D., 1814 for an indefinite term and continued in actual service in said war, for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Bottoms Bridge on the 30th day of November A.D., 1814 as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the "Act granting Bounty Land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the Military service of the United States," passed September 28th, 1850.

Wilson Meador

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written. And I hereby certify, that I believe the said Wilson Meador to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the age above stated having been acquainted with him the said Wilson Meador for upwards of forty years.

Jno Crenshaw J.P."

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wilson Meador with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Land Value	Born
Wilson Meador	66	Farmer	$5,000/$12,000	Virginia
M. Meador	50 (55?)			Virginia
M. A. Meador	18			Virginia
S. G. or J. Meador	12			Virginia

This record indicates that Mary (Wright) Meador was born in about 1810 and that Wilson Meador was born in about 1794.

On June 5, 1871, Wilson Meador in Pension File WC 32991 applied for a pension for his service in the War of 1812:

"State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) SS.

On this 5th day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one, personally appeared before me Robert S. Quarles Clerk of the County Court a Court of Record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Wilson Meador

aged 79 years, a resident of Chamblissburg Township County of Bedford State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was Mary Wright to whom he was married at Bedford County Va about the year 1832; that he served the full period of sixty days in the (1) militia service of the United States in the war of 1812; that he is the identical Wilson Meador who (2) enlisted in Captail William _____ company, 2nd regiment, 1st brigade, ____ division, at Bedford County, on the 31st day of August 1814, marched to Richmond and was there placed under command of Captain John P. Gray and was honorably discharged at Camp Bottoms Bridge near Richmond Va on the 30th day of November, 1814; that (3) he served as a private in said company, and was in no battle nor connected with any incident worthy of note, and was stationed at Richmond bout a month, and were then moved to Camp Bottoms Bridge and that his discharge has been filed in the Pension office that he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, A. S. Minter of Bedford Co. Va his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Goodview County of Bedford State of Virginia; that his domicile or place of abode is Bedford County Va.

Attest: Wilson Meador
D. M. Wilkinson Applicant
John Compton"

Enclosed with that application in Pension File WC 32991 was the following affidavit:

"State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) SS:

On this __ day of June A.D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy one personally appeared before me Jno. F. Cundiff a duly authorized Notary Public within and for said County and state aforesaid - Wilson Meador aged seventy nine years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress granting Bounty land to persons engaged in the military service of the United States. That he volunteered under the name of Wilson Meador in Bedford County Va in

the company of Captain Wm Hopkins On the 31st day of August 1814 marched immediately to Richmond Va and was there placed under Command of Capt John P. Gray, 2n Regt 1st Brigade and continued in the Service Ninety One days with the rank of Private, and was honorably discharged. On 30th day of November 1814 at Camp "Bottoms Bridge" near Richmond - and that his discharge is on file in Pension Office. That he has heretofore recd two warrants for Bounty Land the first for Eighty acres and the Second for forty acres in all One Hundred & Twenty Acres that he has not aided or abetted the rebellion: and that He Hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation - A. L. Minter of Good View Bedford Co Va his true and Lawful attorney to prosecute his Claim; that deponents residence is in Chamblesburg Township Bedford County Virginia and his Post Office address is "Good View" Bedford Co. Va.

Atteste Wilson Meador
D. M. Newsom

I Wilson Meador, do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the union of the States thereunder; That I will, in like manner, abide by, and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during thi existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves; So help me God

Atteste Wilson Meador
D. M. Newsom

Also personally appeared Christopher Cundif and John Jordan persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to Credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say: they were present and saw Wilson Meador the Claimant, sign his name to the foregoing declaration and affidavit: that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of Said Claimant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Attest Christopher Cundiff
D. M. Newsom his
Jno X Jordan
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighth day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy One; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words "one" and "for" erased and the words "the 1st for eighty acres and the second for Forty acres" in

all" added; and that I have no interest direct, or indirect in the prosecuting of this claim

John F. Cundiff
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) ss.

I Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County in the State aforesaid do certify that John F. Cundiff whose name is signed to the above certificate leaving date the 8 day of June 1871 is and was at the time of signing the same an acting Notary Public in and for the said county, duly appointed and qualified as such, and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court the 13 day of June AD 1871.

Ro. S. Quarles"

On November 21, 1882, Mary (Wright) Meador applied for a widow's pension in Pension File WC 32991 by reason of her husband's service in the War of 1812 and stated that he had died on January 31, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) ss

On this 21st day of November A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty two personally appeared before me Robert S. Quarles Clerk, of the County Court of said County, a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Meador, aged seventy seven years, a resident of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Wilson Meador, who served the full period of sixty days in the (1) military service of the United States in the War of 1812, and who was the identical Wilson Meador who (2) enlisted in Captain John P. Grays Company, _____ Regiment, _____ Brigade, _____ Division, at Bedford County, Va, on the __ day of ____ 1814, and was honorably discharged near Richmond Va on the __ day of _____, 1814; that (3) he served in said Company near Richmond Va but as far as applicant knows was not engaged in any battle, or saw any active service that she was married under the name of Mary Wright to said Wilson Meador, on the first day of May, A.D 1832, by James Leftwich, at Bedford County, Virginia, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that her said husband died at Bedford County Va, on the thirty first day of January, 1881, and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late

rebellion against the authority of the United States did she or her said husband adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will support the Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States, under the provisions of the act approved February 14, 1871, and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, Samuel H. Quarles of Liberty Va her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim, and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that her post office is at Emans, County of Bedford State of Virginia; that her domicile or place of abode is near Emans Bedford County Va.

Attest: Mary Meador
Samuel Overstreet
Martha A. Overstreet"

Enclosed with that application in Pension File WC 32991 were several supporting affidavits:

"We the undersigned hereby certify that we were born and raised within two miles of where Wilson Meador lived and died, and that we know from general recollection that the said Wilson Meador was married twice that his first wife died previous to the year 1829 or 30 that we knew the said Wilson Meador while he was a widower and that he afterwards married Mary (or Polly Wright) and that she is still living at his old Homestead while we also know that Mr. Wilson Meador is dead and that he died about two years ago. as witness our signatures this 8th day of February 1883

Martha J. Lazenby
Maria L Jones

Bedford County
State of Virginia

I, A. S. Minter a notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Martha J. Lazenby and Maria L. Jones signed the above certificate in my presence and swore to same before me - and that I know them both to be persons worthy of belief. Given under my hand this 8th Feb 1883

A. S. Minter N.P.

This is to certify that I Sallie A. Thomasson was born, according to Bible Record in the year 1826. That I am a daughter of the late Wilson Meador by his first wife

and that my mother died, when I was three or four years of age, that I distinctly remember her death and burial - and that he my father afterward married Mary Wright who is now Mary Meador and that I now know her to be living as my father's widow on the homestead where he lived and died - Feb 14th 1883

her
My P.O. Address Sallie A X Thomasson
in Good View mark
Bedford Co Va
Witness
Annie V. Thomasson
address Good View
Bedford Co Va

Bedford County)
State of Virginia)

The above certificate of Sallie A Thomasson, personally known to me as a woman of good repute for veracity, was sworn to before me and signed by her in my presence, this 14th Feb 1883. Given under my hand

A. S. Minter
Notary Public

This is to certify that I, Henry C. Loyd knew Wilson Meador from his boyhood to the time of his death that he first married Mary Compton that he lived with her to the time of her death, that I do not remember the date, but that I made her coffin and acted as the undertaker at her burial: that Mr. Wilson Meador then lived a widower - about two years and then married Mary Wright and that he lived with her up to the time of his death - about two years ago -- that his widow Mary Meador, (formerly Mary Wright) is now living on the Dower which she holds from Wilson Meador's lands - that she has not married since his death - That I am in my Eighty sixth Year - and have lived on lands of my own adjoining the said Wilson Meador's land for about Sixty Three Years - as witness my signature this 14th Feb. 1883.

Henry C. Loyd

Bedford County
State of Virginia

I, A. L. Minter a notary public in and for the County and State above named, do certify that Henry C. Loyd a person known to me of good general character for truth personally this day appeared before me in my county and State aforesaid

and made affirmation in due form of law that the certificate or statement bearing his signature and dated 14th February 1883 is a true statement of facts given under my hand this 14th Feb. 1883

A. S. Minter
N. Public"

The summary of the file stated that Mary (Wright) Meador died in about 1883.

Our Kin listed the birth date of Mary (Wright) Meador as on March 16, 1805.

In his letters dated March 23, 1987, and May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets with the following information. Mary Louise Wright was born March 16, 1805, at Virginia, married Wilson "Wilse" W. Meador on May 1, 1832, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died April 12, 188_. William "Wilse" W. Meador was born in 1794 at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on January 31, 1881, at Virginia. The children of Mary Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson W. Meador were the following:

1) Florentine Jane Meador, born February 4, 1833, at Virginia,
2) Julina F. Meador, born August 10, 1834,
3) Mary Louise Meador, born September 12, 1835, at Virginia,
4) John W. Meador, born May 8, 1840, at Virginia,
5) Martha A. "Matt" Meador, born October 4, 1842, at Virginia, and
6) Septimus G. Meador, born March 7, 1848, at Virginia.

The source reference for the specific dates was listed as a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife.

In her WorldConnect Project posting Cecile Caldwell stated that Mary Wright married Wilson Meador and died on April 12, 1883, that Wilson Meador died on January 3, 1881, and the Mary (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador had the following child:

1) Mary Louise (Meador) (Overstreet) Draper, born on September 12, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Mary Louise "Polley" (Wright) Meador and Wilson "Wilse" W. Meador were the following:

1) Florentine Jane (Meador) Minter, born on February 4, 1833, at Virginia,

2) Julina S. or F. (Meador) Overstreet, born on August 10, 1834, at Virginia,

3) Mary Louise (Meador) (Overstreet) Draper, born on September 12, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John W. Meador, born on May 8, 1840, at Virginia,

5) Martha A. "Matt" (Meador) Overstreet, born on October 4, 1842, at Virginia, and

6) Septimus J. or G. Meador, born on March 7, 1848, at Virginia.

I. Florentine Jane (Meador) Minter, Her Husband Augustus L. Minter, And Her Descendants

Florentine Jane (Meador) Minter was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Florentine Meador in the Wilson Meador household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Florentine Jane Meador was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on February 4, 1833, at Virginia, citing as the source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, married Augustus L. Minter on January 28, 1850, and died on March 31, 1875, and that Florentine Jane (Meador) Minter and Augustus L. Minter had one daughter who died at age 10.

ii. Julina F. Or S. (Meador) Overstreet And Her Husband Thomas G. Overstreet

Julina F. (Meador) Overstreet was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Julian S. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and her age as 16 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1834.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Julina F. Meador was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on August 10, 1834, at Virginia, citing as the source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, and married Thomas G. Overstreet on March 3, 1857.

iii. Mary "Polly" S. Or Louise (Meador) (Overstreet) Draper And Her Husbands Calvin G. Overstreet And Benjamin Henry Draper

Mary "Polley" S. or Louise (Meador) (Overstreet) Draper was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary S. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and her age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1836.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Louise Meador was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on September 12, 1835, at Virginia, citing as the source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, married first Calvin G. Overstreet, married second Benjamin Henry Draper on September 18, 1870, and died on August 29, 1920, that Calvin G. Overstreet was born in 1836 and died in 1864, and that Benjamin Henry Draper was born on March 10, 1845, and died on November 13, 1910.

In her WorldConnect Project posting Cecile Caldwell stated that Mary Louise Meador was a daughter of Mary (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, was born on September 12, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia, married first Calvin Overstreet, married second Benjamin Henry Draper on September 18, 1870, and died on August 29, 1920, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Calvin Overstreet was born on June 14, 1836, and died on May 30, 1864, that Benjamin Henry Draper was born on March 10, 1845, at Botetourt County, Virginia, died on November 13, 1910, at Bedford County,

Virginia, and was buried at Goodview, Bedford County, Virginia, and that Mary Louise (Meador) Overstreet and Calvin Overstreet had the following children:

1) Cordelia F. Overstreet, born on January 1, 1861, and

2) Judson Thomas Overstreet, born on August 25, 1863, and

that Mary Louise (Meador) (Overstreet) Draper and Benjamin Henry Draper had the following children:

1) Mary Adelaid (Draper) Meador, born on June 6, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Ada Daisy (Draper) McGuire, born on January 21, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Grace Wilson Draper, born on April 30, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John Claude Draper, born on April 19, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) James Monroe Draper, born on May 3, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

6) Olivia Virginia (Draper) Chattin, born on March 18, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia.

iv. John W. Meador

John W. Meador was a son of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Julia (John?) W. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that John W. Meador was a son of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on May 8, 1840, at Virginia, citing as the source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, and died on August 20, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia.

v. Martha A. "Matt" (Meador) And Her Husband Samuel H. Overstreet

Martha A. "Matt" (Meador) Overstreet was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Martha A. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and her age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M. A. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Martha A. "Matt" Meador was a daughter of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on October 4, 1842, at Virginia, citing as the source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, married Samuel H. Overstreet, and died in 1925.

vi. Septimus J. Or G. Meador

Septimus J. or G. Meador was a son of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Mary[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Septimus J. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and his age as 3 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed S. G. or J. Meador in the Wilson Meador household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

In his letter dated May 5, 1987, Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Septimus G. Meador was a son of Mary "Polley" Louise (Wright) Meador and Wilson Meador, and was born on Marce 7, 1848, at Virginia, citing as the

source a family Bible kept by Wilson Meador or his wife, and that he died on May 8, 1865, at California.

d. 1890 Joseph Pate Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright, And His Descendants

1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

In January 1829 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 22/203 Joseph P. Wright was appointed constable:

> "The Court doth appoint Joseph P. Wright Constable for the County to act in the bounds whereof James Hurt was Const. whereupon said Jos P Wright qualified according to law and together with Matthew Wright his Security entered into & acknowledged Bond in the penalty of five Thousand Dollars Conditioned according to law which is Ordered to be recorded"

In April 1830 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 23/92 Joseph P. Wright was appointed a lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, 10th Regiment, of militia:

> "Ordered that the following recommendations of Officers be made to his Excellency the Governor & Council to wit; Elias James Captain in the 10th Regmt. 1st Battalion in room of John Wright resigned - Joseph P. Wright Lieut. in room of said James promoted & John W. Hurt Ensign in room of Joseph Ridgeway - Henry Edgar as Captain in the same Regmt. & 2d. Battln in room of John Pollard resigned - Robert M. Walker Liut. in room of said Edgar promoted & Price Wright Ensign in room of said Walker promoted. Elijah Wright Ensign in Capt. Samuel P. Mitchells company in room of John White resigned - Robert M. Ruse Lieutenant in room of John H. Otey resigned in Capt. Wm Leftwichs Company - & William Preston Ensign in room of said Ruse promoted in 1st Battalion & 10th Regiment."

On January 1, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/334 Joseph P. Wright purchased 45 acres of land from Margarett Stover:

> "This Indenture made this first day of January Eighteen hundred & thirty one between Margarett Stover widow of Geo Stover senr. Decd of the County of Bedford and state of Virginia of the one part and Joseph P Wright of the county & state aforesaid of the other part: Witnesseth that the said Margarett Stover for and in consideration of the sum of Ninety dollars paid to Mathias Stover Exor of

John Stover ded which composed a part of two hundred and forty dollars paid by said Joseph P Wright in consiquence of which the said Mathias Stover deeded to Margarett Stover that part of the plantation of John Stover decd. by an exchange made between said Wright and Margarett Stover & she receiving the overplus, therefore the said Margaret Stover has received value in other lands both for the following lands and the claim which she had in the lands of John Stover Decd from Mathias Stover Exr. which the deed from said Mathias Stover fully Specifies. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Margarett Stover for and in consideration of the money paid and trade above mentioned hath received value in full for the following land from said Joseph P Wright the receipt whereof, she doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and doth hereby grant bargain convey and confirm unto the said Joseph P Wright a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County & State aforesaid being the land conveyed from Joseph H Hickman or Christian Caley to George Stover and now in my possession (being his widow) Containing by old deed twenty four acres but by Survey forty five acres & 18 poles be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a branch at Samuel Wests fence corner to Isaac James & said West thence along Wests line N. 48 E 28 to pinters in Ivy N. 77 E 29 po to a pine corner to Pearson thence along his line S 39 E 106 po. to a gum in Mathew Wrights line thence along his line S 46-3/4 West 58 po. to his corner pinters on a ridge thence along the line of the land Conveyed by Mathias Stover this day to Joseph P. Wright N. 42-1/2 W 128 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the same with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Margarett Stover doth further covenant and agree to warrant and defend the same to him the said Joseph P Wright his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whosoever. In witness whereof the said Margarett Stover hath hereunto subscribed her name and affixed her seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed & sealed &
delivered in the
presence of us
Matthew Wright
John A Wright
Joseph Stover

Margarett her X mark Stover

Bedford County to wit. We William Shrewbury & Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Margarett Stover party to the within deed for the conveyance of real estate bearing date on the 1st day of January 1831, & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in

order to be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of April 1831.

William Shrewsbury
Matthew Pate

Bedford Clerks Office April 13th 1831. This Indenture of bargain and sale was exhibited in the Office, and together with the certificate of acknowledgement thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. P. Mitchell C.B.C."

On January 1, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/340 Joseph P. Wright purchased 120 acres of land from Mathias Stover, as executor of the will of John Stover:

"This Indenture made this first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty one between Mathias Stover Excr. of the testament and last will of John Stover late of the County of Botetourt Virginia deceased of the one part and Joseph P. Wright of the County of Bedford and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Mathias Stover Exor as aforesaid by virtue of the power & authority to him given by the last will of John Stover, ded as aforesaid in consideration of the sum of two hundred and forty dollars to him in hand paid by the said Joseph P. Wright the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained, and sold and doth hereby in said capacity grant bargain sell & confirm unto him the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land Containing one hundred & twenty acres three roods & thirty nine po be it more or less situate lying & being in the County of Bedford & State aforesaid as follows Viz. Beginning at a walnut on Isaac James line Corner of a parcel of land deed this day to Margarett Stover by said Mathias Stover N 17 E 49-1/2 po. to a gum N 42-1/4 W 10 po to a large rock near the mouth of a branch N 50-1/2 E 6 po to a blazed maple N 2-1/2 W 48 po to a red oak in a Ivy clift N 17 E 37-1/2 po to a small gum on a branch then N 46-1/4 E 27 po to a white oak fallen down said branch by Samuel Watt(?) fence thence along a dividing line of 45 acres and 18 po belonging to the estate of George Stover Decd S(?) 42-1/2 E 128 po to Matthew Wrights Corner pointers on a ridge thence along his line S 9 E 95 po to a maple on a branch S 44 W 60 poles to a stake corner of Margarett Stovers thence along her line of 95-1/2 po. to the beginning corner Walnut. To have and to hold the same with all the privileges and appurtinances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Mathias Stover doth further in the capacity aforesaid covenant & agree to warrant secure & defend the same to him the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims

and demands of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Matthias Stover hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day and year first herein before written.

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of us
Manual Stover &
Jacob Stover
Matthew Wright
James C. Huff
John Bonsack

Mathias Stover
of John Stover Decd.

At a Coiurt held for Bedford County in the Courthouse on the 28th day of February 1831. This indenture of bargain and sale was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Matthew Wright & John Bonsack two subscribing witnesses thereto And afterwards Viz. At a Court held for the Said County of the same place on the 25th April 1831 the same was further proved by the oath of James C Huff and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P(?) Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Joseph P(?) Wright	1		1	

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax
	.06

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Joseph P Wright	Bed	120	On Beaver Dam
do	"	45	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18W	4.50		540.00	.46	of Jno Stovers Et
" "	4.50		202.50	.17	of Margaret Stover

This record reflects the purchases of 45 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 22/334 and 120 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 22/340.

The marriage bond of Joseph Wright and Eliza Adams, daughter of Jeremiah, was dated on February 25, 1833, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jeremiah N. Adams as surety:

> "This is to Certify I Give My consent for my Daughter Eliza to Join in Matiromany with Joseph Wright and this Shall be a sufficient Warant for Granting him Marage Licens &c Given under My hand this 23rd Febr 1833
>
> Test Jeremiah Adams
> Jeremiah N Adams

> Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Wright and Jeremiah N. Adams are held and firmly bound unto John Floyd Esqr Governor of the State of Virginia in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors in office we bind ourselves our heirs executors and admrs. jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this 25" day of Febry 1833 The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Joseph Wright and Eliza Adams

If therefore there be no legal cause to obstruct the same then the obligation to be Void else to remain in full force

Joseph Wright
Jeremiah N Adams"

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property January 1st 1833	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses, Colts, Mules &c
	Joseph P Wright	1		1

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	_____	Amt of Tax
			.06

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Joseph P Wright	Bed	114½	On falling Cr
Do	"	45	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
20 W	4.50		540.00	.44	
" "	4.50		202.50	.17	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1834	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 Years	Horses Mares &c.
	Joseph P Wright	1		3

Stud Horses	Carriages &c	Amt of Tax
		.18

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Joseph P. Wright	Bed	114½	On the Same
Do	"	45	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100
20 SW	4.50		540.00	.44
" "	4.50		202.50	.17

In August 1834 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 24/232 Joseph P. Wright was appointed surveyor of the road from Stovers Creek:

> "Ordered that Joseph P. Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from Stovers Creek to the Creek at the widow Horns, in place of Beverley Corley. And the usual hands are ordered to assist said surveyor in keeping the same in good repair."

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property the 31st of January 1835	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses Colts &c
	Joseph P Wright	1	1	3

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
		.43

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On the Same
do		45	On falling Creek

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
20 SW	4.50		540.00	.44	
20 SW	4.50		202.50	.17	

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Joseph P Wright	1	1	3

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	.43

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Creek
do		45	On falling Creek

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improvements Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20 SW	4.50		540.50	.44	
" "	4.50		202.50	.17	

In July 1836 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 25/248 Joseph P. Wright was ordered to show cause why a road should not be placed through his land:

> "Cawlys petition for a road - The Viewers appointed at the last Court this day made their report, and it is ordered that Joseph P. Wright & Elijah Howell the proprietors of the land through which said road is proposed to be conducted, be summoned to appear at the next Court to shew cause if any they can, why said road should not be established agreeable to the report of the Viewers."

On about October 24, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 25/429 Joseph P. Wright purchased 81 acres of land from John Horn:

> "This Indenture made the ____ day of ____ in the year 1836, between John Horn of Bedford County and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph P Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Horn for and in consideration of the Sum of two hundred & fifty dollars

current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Joseph P. Wright at or before the delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained and sold unto the said Joseph P. Wright one certain tract or parcel of land containing eighty one acres be the same more or less lying and being in the County aforesaid on the waters of Falling Creek, adjoining the lands of Elijah Howell, the said Joseph P. Wright, Berdely Corley and the lands of Fleming Neighbours (it being the land which said John Horn purchased of Jeremiah Corley) and bounded as pr deed Corley to Horn and of record in the Clerks Office of Bedford County. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, be the same more or less, with all the Singular appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs or assigns forever. And the said John Horn for himself his heirs &c. doth covenant and agree to warrant and defend the aforesaid tract of land with all the appurtenances thereunto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever, against the claims and demands of all persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first written

John Horn

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of October 1836.

This Indenture of bargain and Sale from John Horn to Joseph P. Wright was produced in Court acknowledged by said Horn and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 31st of January 1837	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses &c
	Joseph P Wright	1		1

Studs Carriages&c	Tax $ Cts
	.06

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Creek
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20 SW	4.50		540.50	.44	
" "	4.50		202.50	.17	
" "	3.00		343.00	.20	of John Horn

This record reflects the purchase of 81 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 25/429.

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

	Names of Persons Owning Property 31st of Jany 1838	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	Joseph P Wright	1	1	2

Carriages & Stud Horses	Tax $ Cts
	.46

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Cr
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improve-ments added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20 SW	4.50		540.50	.55	
" "	4.50		202.50	.21	
" "	3.00		243.00	.25	

On October 21, 1838, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 27/195 Joseph P. Wright purchased a parcel of land from John Bush and his wife Elizabeth:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 21st day of October in the year 1837, between John Bush Senr and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph P. Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty $ current money of Virginia to them in hand paid the receipt whereof the said John Bush & Elizabeth his wife doth hereby acknowledge hath bargained & sold and by these presents doth bargain, sell, confirm and deliver unto him the said Joseph P. Wright one Certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Bedford and lying on the waters of Falling Creek containing ____ acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows Viz. being the land that the said John Bush now lives on, Beginning at a scrub oak corner in Pates road S 28 E 80 poles to a pine N 29 E 29 poles to a white oak S 32 W 44 poles to a white oak S 25 E 64 to poles to a white oak S 4 W 68 poles to a poplar on a branch being a spring branch, thence up said branch as it meanders to a small poplar N 28 W 10 poles thence running as the lane (?) now runs to the road, thence running North with Pates road to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the privileges and appurtenances unto him the said Joseph P Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The said John Bush and Elizabeth his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c that they will forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land against the claims or demands of persons or manner of persons whatsoever unto him the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof we have herewith set our hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signed, Sealed, acknowledged & delivered in presence of	John	his X mark	Bush Senr
	Elizabeth	her X mark	Bush

Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate and William Mead Magistrates of the said County, do hereby Certify that John Bush Senr party to the annexed conveyance has duly acknowledged the same before us on the 21st day of October 1837 and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said conveyance may be recorded. As witness our hands & seals this 21" day of October 1837.

Matthew Pate
William Mead

Bedford County/Sct

We Matthew Pate and William Mead Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Elizabeth Bush wife of John Bush Senr parties to a certain deed bearing date the 21st day of October 1837, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us and in our County and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed fully explained to her, she the said Elizabeth Bush acknowledged the same to be her act and deed & declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the Same and that she wished not to retract it Given under our hands & seals the 21st day of October 1837

Matthew Pate
William Mead

Bedford Clerks Office June 4" 1838

This Indenture of bargain and sale from John Bush Senr and Elizabeth his wife to Joseph P. Wright was produced in court & together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell Cbc"

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property 28 February 1839	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses Colts Mares &c
May 2nd	Joseph P Wright	1	1	3

Riding Carriages	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.54

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
Joseph P. Wright		83	On falling Creek

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
15 W	3.00		249.00	.25	of John Bush

This record reflects the purchase of a parcel of land, apparently 83 acres, from John Bush by Bedford County Deed 27/195.

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Creek
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same

Distance from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
20 S	4.50		540.50	.55	
" "	4.50		202.50	.21	
" "	3.00		243.00	.25	

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
Apl 24	Joseph P Wright	1		4

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.32

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
Joseph P. Wright	Bdfd	114½	On falling Cr
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same
do		83	On Staunton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	
20 S	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	3.25		145.25	.15	
" "	3.25		263.25	.27	
22 W	2.75		228.25	.23	of John Bush 1839

This record reflects a consolidation of the two land tax listings into a single listing and confirms that the same Joseph P. Wright owned all four parcels.

The 1840 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Joseph P. Wright	1	30-40	2	20-30
			1	5-10
			1	0-5

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	10-24		

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in						
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
6		2				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
		Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates that Joseph Pate Wright was born betwee 1800 and 1810 and that Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright was born between 1810 and 1820.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
M. 23rd	Joseph P. Wright	1	1	5

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		1.02½

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Cr
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same
do		83	On Staunton

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
20 SW	3.25		372.12	.47
" "	3.25		145.25	.19
" "	3.25		263.25	.33
22 W	2.75		228.25	.29

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
Apl 25	Joseph P Wright	1	3	3

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		1.57½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Joseph P. Wright		114½	On falling Cr
do		45	On the Same
do		81	On the Same
do		83	On Staunton

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	3.25		372.12	.47	
" "	3.25		145.25	.19	
" "	3.25		263.25	.33	
22 W	2.75		228.25	.29	

On February 3, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/141 Joseph P. Wright purchased two tracts of land that were part of the estate of Matthew Wright from Peter M. and Susan Wright and John A. and Cybil Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into the February 3rd day one thousand eight hundred and forty two between Peter M. Wright and Susan his wife, John A. Wright and Cybel his wife of the first part, and Joseph P. Wright all of the State of Virginia of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold, and confirmed, and by these presents doth bargain, sell, and confirm, unto him the said Joseph P. Wright all of our undivided interest in two tracts or parcels of land belonging to the estate of Matthew Wright Deceased, one of them lying in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, it being the same tract of land that the said Matthew Wright resided on at the time of his death, and bounded by the lands of Abram Foutz, Isaac James, Matthew Pate, Peter M. Wright and others, the other tract lying and being in the County of Franklin adjoining the lands of Stephen Wood John Prator and Others it being the same tract of land that Elisha Barton has lived on for the last four years and is now occupied by William Amon &c the two tracts together is supposed to contain about eight hundred acres be it so or not. To have and to hold all of our interest as heirs of the said Matthew Wright Deceased in, and to the aforesaid two tracts of land together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto him, the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The said Peter M Wright and his wife Susan, John A Wright and Cybil his wife, do hereby covenant and agree with the said Joseph P. Wright to forever warrant and defend all their right and title in and to the aforesaid two tracts of land, together with all and every of the appertenances, free from the claims or demands of themselves, their heirs, or all manner of persons claiming by, through, or under them, and none other. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the day and date above written

Signed, sealed, and)	Peter M. Wright
delivered in)	Susan Wright
presence of)	John A. Wright
Joel Dent	her
Richard M. Anderson	Sybil X Wright
Austin Adkisson	mk

Botetourt County to wit

We Nathan P. Luck and George P. Taylor Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that John A. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 3rd day of February 1842, and hereto

annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of Bedford County in order that the said deed may be recorded. We do further certify that Sibyl Wright the wife of John A. Wright parties to the aforesaid deed hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily, and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, the said Sibyl Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under hands and seals this 6th day of December 1842.

Nathan P. Luck
Geo: P. Taylor

Bedford County to wit,

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in, and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Peter M. Wright party to a certain deed bearing date 3rd day of February 1842 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Susan Wright party to a certain deed, bearing date 3rd day of February 1842, and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined privily and apart from her husband, and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerks Office January 2nd 1843. This deed of bargain and sale from Peter M. Wright and wife and John A. Wright and wife, to Joseph P. Wright, was

produced in Office and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Joseph Pate Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 2

we alott Joseph F Wright containing 45 acres of Land laid of as follows Begining at pointers in the dower line thence along the line of Lot No. 3 S 84 W 105 poles to Pates corner red oak near a fork of Branch thence along his lines S 15-3/4 W 43 poles to a persimon S 79 E 8-3/4 poles to a pine N 16 E 69 poles to pointers S 62 E 29 poles to a white oak on Beaverdam creek thence along the line of lot No 1 N 48 E 52 poles to pointer corner to the dower and along the lines of the same N 29 W 36 poles to the Begining . . . ."

On June 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/142 Joseph P. Wright and his wife Elizabeth A. C. Wright conveyed 166 acres of land to the heirs of Matthew Wright which had been sold to Matthew Wright during his lifetime:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of June 1842, between Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part, and the lawful heirs of Matthew Wright Deceased, of the second part, Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, unto Matthew Wright during his life time, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto his lawful heirs their heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land, situate and lying in Bedford County on the waters of Beaverdam Creek and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a walnut in James's line, and along his line N. 17° E. 49-1/2 poles to a gum, N. 42-1/4 W. 70 poles to a large rock near the mouth of a small branch, N. 50-1/2 E. 6 poles to a blazed maple, N. 2-1/2 W. 48 poles to a red oak in an Ivy Clift W. 17 E. 37-1/2 poles to a small gum on a branch, N. 46-1/4 E. 27 poles to a white oak down by Samuel Wests fence, thence along his lines N. 48-1/2 E. 28 poles, N. 77 W. 39 poles to a pine corner to James, thence along his lines S. 39 E. 106 poles to a small gum in Matthew Wright Decd. line, thence along his lines S. 46-3/4 W. 58 poles to pointers on a ridge S. 9 E. 95 poles to a maple on a branch, S. 14 W. 60 poles to a stake in mouth of lane near the road, N. 65-1/2 W. 95-1/2 poles to the

beginning - containing one hundred and sixty six acres. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, together with all the priviledges and appertinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said heirs of Matthew Wright Deceased their heirs and assigns forever. The said Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife doth covenant for themselves, their heirs &c that they will forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto them the said lawful heirs of Matthew Wright Deceased their heirs and assigns, against the claims of themselves or all manner of persons whatsoever.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this the day and date first written

Joseph P. Wright
Elizabeth A. C. Wright

Bedford County to wit,

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace on and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Joseph P. Wright party to a certain deed bearing date 25th of June 1842 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Eliza Wright party to a certain deed bearing date 25th day of June 1842 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband, and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed, sealed, and delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerks Office January 2nd 1843. This Indenture of bargain and sale from Joseph P. Wright and wife to the heirs of Matthew Wright Deceased was

produced in Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

On about May 24, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joseph P. Wright filed a complaint against Beverly Cawley for damages to his wheat and corn crop and other property of $500:

"In the County Court of Bedford

Bedford County To Wit - Joseph P. Wright - Plaintiff complains of Beverly Cawley defendant in Custody &c for that whereas the said defendant on the __ day of _____ 1840 and on divers other days between that time and the commencement of this suit at the Parish of _____ and County aforesaid with force and arms broke and entered the close of the Plaintiff there situate and being, and then and there, with feet in walking trod down, trampled upon Consumed and spoiled the grass wheat and corn of the said Plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of $500 then and there growing and with Cattle to wit, horses mares geldings, Cows oxen and sheep and hogs & Swine eat up and dispastured the grass wheat and Corn of the Plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of $500 then and there also growing and being, and with divers other horses mares geldings oxen and Cattle hogs & swine then and there crushed and trod down damaged and spoiled other the grass wheat and Corn of the Plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of $500 then and there also growing and being and with the feet of the said horses mares and geldings oxen Cattle hogs & swine then and there tore up subverted damaged and spoiled the earth of the said close and also then and there broke down prostrated and destroyed a great part to wit perches of the fences of the said Plaintiff of and belonging to the said close of great value to wit of the value of $__ and the rails, timbers and other materials with which the said fences were constructed erected and made to wit __ rails and __ feet of timber of the said Plaintiff of great value to Wit of the value of $500 took and carried away and converted and disposed thereof to his own use to wit at the County and parish aforesaid, and then and there destroyed tore up and injured mash traps of the said Plaintiff and belonging to said close and tenement of great value to wit of the value of $500 and the timber and other materials with which the said mash traps were constructed, and made to wit __ feet of timber of the said Plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of _____ took and carried away and converted and disposed thereof to his own use to wit at the Parish & County aforesaid, and other wrongs to the Plaintiff then and there did against the peace

and dignity of the Commonwealth and to the damage of the said Plaintiff $500 and therefore he brings Suit

Wingfield & Johnson pq"

On May 24, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers a summons was issued against Beverly Cawley to answer the complaint of Joseph P. Wright for damages to his wheat and corn crop and other property of $500:

"The Commonwealth of Virginia To the Sheriff of Bedford County, Greeting:

We command you to take Beverly Cawley if he be found within your bailiwick and him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of our County Court of Bedford, at the Courthouse thereof, the fourth Monday in August next to answer Joseph P. Wright of a plea of trespass, Damage five hundred dollars And have then there this writ. Witness, Robert C. Mitchell, Clerk of our said Court, the 24' day of May 1842, and in the 66' Year of our Independence.

Ro. C. Mitchell"

On June 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/236 Joseph P. Wright and Eliza Wright sold 3/10 of a parcel of 127 acres of land to Wright H. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into 25th day of June 1842, between Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Wright H. Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and ninety dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto Wright H. Wright his heirs and assigns forever three tenths of a certain tract or parcel of land, Situate and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of beaver dam creek it being the dower property belonging to the estate of Matthew Wright deceased and bounded as follows Viz; Beginning at a post oak in Peter M. Wright's line on Miller's road thence new lines S. 8 E. 20 poles - pointers S. 20 W. 87 poles to a rock on Pate's road and up said road S. 74 W. 14 poles to a small persimmon thence off S. 29 W. 90 poles to a pile of rocks in the field S. 29 E. 84 poles to pointers N. 83 E. 49 poles to a maple on Greers branch thence up the same N. 5 W. 20 poles N. 4-1/2 - 20 poles to pointers thence continuing along Peter M. Wright's line N. 24 E. 54 poles to pointers N. 40 E. 84 poles to pointers on Pate's road N. 29 E. 30 poles to a small sourwood new corner to Peter M. Wright on a hillside N. 44 W. 115 poles to the beginning the whole containing 127 acres. To have and to hold the said three tenths of the said tract or parcel of land subject however to be used and controled during the natural life of our mother Nancy Wright by her, together

with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto him the said Wright H. Wright his heirs and assigns forever; the said Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c that they will forever warrant, and defend the right and title of the aforesaid three tenths of the said tract or parcel of land unto him the said Wright H. Wright his heirs, and assigns, against the claims or demands of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this the day and date first written.

Joseph P. Wright
Elizabeth A. C. Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph P. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the 25th day of June 1842 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the county court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals the 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate's and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth Ann C. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the 25th day of June 1842 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of March 1843

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Joseph P. Wright & wife to Wright H. Wright was produced in court and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed, ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
	Joseph P Wright	1	3	4	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Joseph P Wright		291(?)	On falling Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	10.84			3.11	Improvements added

On January 5, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/387 Joseph P. Wright purchased 114 acres of land from John A. and Sibye Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 5th day of January 1843, between John A. Wright and Sybby his wife of Botetourt County and State of Virginia of the first part, and Joseph P. Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty three dollars to him the said John A. Wright paid in hand by the said Joseph P. Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained, sold and delivered, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto Joseph P. Wright his heirs or assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and on the waters of Falling creek containing one hundred and fourteen acres, three roods and fifteen poles be the same more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at corner hickory near the road and corner to Horns lands, thence allong Horns line S. 22-1/4 W. 47-1/2 poles to a pine and pointers corner to Elijah Howell thence along his line S. 67-1/2 E. 66 poles to a small pine, S 23 W 63-1/2 poles crossing a branch same cause continued 87-1/2 poles to a small red oak in said Howells line off, thence a new line nearly as the path runs on the top of the ridge S 47 E 35-1/2 poles to pointers S 70 E 32-1/2 poles to a sowerwood S. 38-3/4 E. 23 poles to a red oak corner to the old pattent S. 63-1/2 E. 29 poles to Beverly Corleys corner pine, thence allong his line N. 55 E. 34-1/2 poles to pointers on a branch thence up the branch as it meanders N. 3-3/4 E. 28-3/4 poles to Edm Pate's corner gum on said branch thence off and along his line N. 13 W. 22-1/2 poles to a small gum on said branch near a large rock, thence up said branch as it meanders N. 14-1/2 W 9 poles N. 35-1/2 W. 7-1/2 poles N. 11 E. 12 poles N. 22 E. 16 poles N. 2-1/4 E. 24 poles N. 63-1/2 E. 9 poles to a dead white oak in Mrs. Asburys line, thence allong her line N 63 W. 17 poles to a dead post oak N. 9 E. 28-1/2 poles crossing a branch to a stake and pointers near the branch corner to Bushes old tract, thence along his line up said branch as it meanders N. 66-3/4 W. 14 poles S 67-3/4 W. 6 poles N. 66 W. 14 poles S. 83-1/2 W. 30 poles N 78 W. 20 poles N. 74-1/4 W. 17 poles and N. __ W __ poles to an apple tree at the head of said branch N 50-3/4 W 20 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the singular priviledges and

appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs or assigns forever, the said John A. Wright and Sybby his wife doth covenant for themselves, their heirs &c that they will forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first written.

Signd Seald & acklgd) John A. Wright
in presents of) Sibye Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John A. Wright of the County of Roanoke party to a certain deed bearing date the 5th day of January 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of January 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do herby certify that Sybby Wright of the County of Roanoke party to a certain deed bearing date the 5th of January 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and after being examined privily and apart from, her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that she did not wish in any wise to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 4th day of September 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerk's Office September 7th 1843

This Indenture of bargain and sale from John A. Wright and wife to Joseph P. Wright was produced in the office and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC."

On April 19, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joseph P. Wright dismissed his complaint against Beverly Cawley for damages to his wheat and corn crop and other property of $500:

"Bedford County Apl 19th 1843

Dear Sir

This is to Authorize you to dismiss the Sute of my Self vs. Beverly Corley in your Court, Have your fee Bill ready By Monday Next When I will be in town & pay it off Your Compliance Will Oblige Yrs. &c

Ro C. Mitchell C.B.C. Joseph P. Wright"

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright heirs

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Joseph P. Wright as a son of 1841 Matthew Wright.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 23	Joseph P. Wright	1	3(?)	4	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents
		2.45

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Joseph P Wright	Bedford	fee	191	On Falling Cr Adj
do	"	"	114¼	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ __ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	___	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 W	10.84	1200	2070.44	2.59	
" "	3.25		372.12	.47	from John A. Wright

On August _, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 31/195 Matthew Pate conveyed to Joseph P. Wright and others, as trustees, 1/4 of an acre of land for a school:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this __ day of August 1844 between Matthew Pate of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph P Wright and William H Pate and William Gish trustees of the other part Witnesseth. That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar of lawful money in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for the further consideration of promoting and incouraging learning in the neighbourhood he the said Matthew Pate hath bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Joseph P Wright and William H Pate and William Gish trustees and their successors forever to be nominated and appointed by the patrons of learning in the neighbourhood in such manner and with such powers as may be deemed necessary and expedient for carrying out the object and intention of this instrument one certain lott or parcel of land containing by estimation about one quarter of an acre be the same more or less situate lying and being in the County of Bedford adjoining the lands of the Meeting house lott on the south Thomas Franklin and the main road on the west Isaac James Sr on the north and running to a point on the east, where the lines of said meeting house lot Isaac James and David Barlow all corner. To have and to hold the aforesaid lott or parcel of land with all the priviledges and appurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Joseph P Wright William H Pate and William Gish trustees and their successors forever for the special purpose of erecting and keeping up a school house and for no other use or purpose whatsoever and the said Matthew Pate doth hereby for himself his heirs &c covenant and agree to and with the said Joseph P Wright and William H. Pate and William Gish trustees and their successors to forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid lott or parcel of land with its apurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining against the claim or demands of

all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and afixed his seal the day and date first written

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of

Matthew Pate

At a Court held for Bedford County the 26th day of August 1844

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Matthew Pate to Joseph P. Wright, William H. Pate and William Gish Trustees was produced in Court acknowledged by the said Matthew Pate and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1	2	2	7

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

1.47

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	____ No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	On Falling Cr Adj Horn &c
do	"	"	191	On Falling same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the ____ especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	10.84	1200	2070.00	2.07	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph P. Wright & others trustees with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
Joseph P. Wright & others trustees	Bedford	fee	¼	near X roads meeting house

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
20 SW	5.48		3.25	.01	from Matthew Pate 1845

On May 28, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joseph P. Wright was appointed commmissioner to allot hands for road repair:

"In Bedford County Court 28" May 1845.

Ordered that Joseph P. Wright, Beverly Cawley and Joel Gibbs be appointed Commissioners to divide and allot the hands between Elijah Howell and Anthony P. Wright surveyors of roads in this County, and make report to Court.

A Copy Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C"

A similar order was recorded in May 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/452:

"Ordered that Joseph P. Wright, Beverley Cawley, and Joel Gibbs be appointed Commissioners to allot and divide the hands between Elijah Howell, and Anthony P. Wright Surveyors of roads in this County, and make report to Court."

On July 26, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Joseph P. Wright and the other commmissioners filed their report of the allotment of hands for road repair:

> "Pursuant to an order of Bedford Court made the 28th May 1845 we the undersigned commissioner have proceeded to divide & allot the hands between Elijah Howell Surveyor of the Road from falling Creek to Beverdam Creek & Anthony P. Wright surveyor of the Road from Washington Richards to the main Road near the XRoads as follows viz. Giving to Elijhah Howell Cornelius Horns 3 hands, Joseph P Wright 2 hands, Andy Craig 1 hand, Elijah Howell 1 hand Harrison W Baker 1 hand, Joel Gibbs 2 hands, Joel Asbury 2 hands Wm Barton 1 hand & John D Horn 1 hand & Giving to Anthony P Wright Edmd Pates 3 hands Washington Loyd 1 hand, Phebe Wright 1 hand, Cornelius Bandy 1 hand, Wm Payne 1 hand Wm Anderson 1 hand, John Armstrong 1 hand Wm. Armstrong 1 hand & Anthony P Wright 1 hand Green B Bundrant 1 hand, Joel Wright 1 hand, & James Ramsey 2 hands. Given under our hands this 26th day of July 1845
>
> Joel Gibbs
> Joseph P. Wright
> Beverly Corley"

In January 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/107 Joseph P. Wright was appointeded to settle the account of Elias James as guardian of the heirs of Sally Curtis:

> "Ordered that William Gish, Samuel G. Stewart and Joseph P. Wright or any one or more of them being first sworn for the purpose state and settle the guardian account of Elias James guardian of the heirs of Sally Curtis deceased & report to Court."

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1	3	3	5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
	1					

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.59

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	On Falling Cr Adj Howell &c
do	"	"	42¼	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	191	On Falling Cr adj Horn &c
do	"	"	40	On Beaverdam Cr
Do	"	"	45	On same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	5.50		232.00	.24	from P. M Wright
" "	10.84	1200	2070.44	2.07	
" "	5.50		220.00	.22	from Jno A Wright
" "	5.50		247.50	.25	from Matthew Wright's est

On March 20, 1846, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 32/286 Joseph P. Wright acted as a trustee on a deed of trust executed by George W. James.

In July 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/206 Joseph P. Wright was appointed to the estate of Jonathan James:

> "Ordered that John Claytor, William Gish, Joseph P. Wright and John Horn or any three of them being first sworn appraised the estate of Jonathan James deceased & report to Court."

In July 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/209 Joseph P. Wright was appointed surveyor of the road to Beaverdam Creek:

> "Ordered that Joseph P. Wright be appointed Surveyor of the road from Betsey Horns to Beaverdam Creek in room of Elijah Howell with the usual hands."

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1	3	3	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.69

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	On Falling Cr
do	"	"	191	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	10.84	1200	2070.00	2.07	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	45	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	42¼	On same
do	"	"	40	On Same

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		247.50	.24	from Matthew Wright's Est
" "	5.50		232.00	.24	" P. M. Wright
" "	5.50		220.00	.22	" J. A. Wright

On June 2, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/185 Joseph P. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust to secure a debt due from Abram Fouts to Peter M. Wright.

On November 20, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/411 Joseph P. Wright purchased 40 acres of land from Fleming and Elizabeth Neighbors:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 20" day of November 1847 between Fleming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife of Bedford County & State of Virginia of one part & Joseph P Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part Witensseth that for & in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to them the said Fleming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife in hand paid by the said Joseph P Wright at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give grant bargain & sell land the said Joseph P Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the county of Bedford on Falling Creek adjoining the lands of James ____ Decd & others it being a part of the tract whereon the said Neighbours now resides, commencing at a pine stake in James ____ Decd line on the South West side & near Falling Creek thence running a South East direction as near staked off and running near a Tobacco house, crossing a branch and ____ a large rock thence to a corner to Anderson Neighbours Joseph P. Wright & the said Fleming Neighbours thence rather (?) north with the said Joseph P Wright's line crossing falling creek cornering in the said Jos Wrights line & running rather (?) west with his line to a corner and crossing the said creek & running with ____ line to the first station containing by estimation forty acres be the same more or less - To have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all its privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Joseph P Wright his heirs and assigns forever. We the said Fleming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs &c do covenant and agree with the said Joseph P Wright to warrant and defend the rite & title to the aforesaid tract or parcel of land containing forty acres be the same more or less forever & against the claims of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Fleming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first written
>
> Signed Seal'd & acknlgd Fleming Neighbours
> In presence of
> her
> Elizabeth X Neighbours
> mark

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth Neighbours wife to Fleming Neighbours party to a certain deed bearing date the 29th day of November 1847 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and after being examined privately and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her the said Elizabeth Neighbours acknowledged the same to be her act & deed & that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same & wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 1st day of January 1848

Jno. Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor & Matthew Pate Jusrices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Fleming Neighbours party to a certain deed bearing date the 29 day of November 1847 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 1st day of January 1848

Jno Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford Clerks office January 11 1848

This deed from Fleming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate was produced in the office and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Jno R. Steptoe C.B.C."

On April 5, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/412 Joseph P. Wright purchased 110 acres of land from Elijah and Elizabeth Howell:

"This Indenture made the 5th day of April 1847 between Elijah Howell & Elizabeth his wife now of Roanoke County & State of Virginia of the one part and Joseph P Wright of the County of Bedford & state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that the said Elijah Howell & Elizabeth his wife for & in consideration

of the sum of Seven hundred Dollars current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Joseph P Wright at or before the delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged it being for a tract of land now in the possession of the said Joseph P Wright do hereby make all our right and title in & with the said Joseph P Wright to a certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred & ten & three fourths acres be the same more or less lying & being in the County of Bedford aforesaid on Falling creek & bounded as follows, Beginning at the mouth of a branch on the North East side of Falling creek thence down the creek as it meanders South 27-1/2 E 18-1/2 Po & S 50 E 12 Po to Flemming Neighbours line, along his line N 69 E 27 po to pointers N 22-1/4 E 40 po to a Red Oak thence S 71 E 64 po to a chesnut in said Joseph P Wright's line, thence along his line N 22-1/4 E 126 po. to a line corner in said J P Wrights line, thence N 67-3/4 W 64 po to a dead Pine George Hain decd corner, thence allong Hains line S 74-1/2 W to (Cornelius Hain's line his lot of land being cut off of the above tract supposed to be 3/4 of an acre) thence to a White oak south to the branch & thence down said branch to the beginning.

To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs & assigns forever & the said Elijah Howell & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs &c doth covenant & agree to warrant and forever defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all its appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Joseph P Wright his heirs & assigns & against the claims and demands of persons & manner of persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day & year first above written

Signed sealed &) Elijah Howell
acknlgd) her
In presence of) Elizabeth X Howell
mark

Roanoke County to Wit

We David Sloan and George Poage Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Elijah Howell a party to a certain deed baring date on the fifth day of Aprill 1847 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded

We further certify that Elizabeth Howell the wife of Elijah Howell partie to a certain deed baring date on the 5th day of April 1847 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by

us privily and apart from his husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Howell acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of April 1847

David Sloan JP
George Poage JP

Bedford Clerk's office January 11 1848

This deed from Elijah Howell and Elizabeth his wife to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate was produced in the office, certified and admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

On November 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 33/411 Joseph P. Wright purchased 40 acres of land from Flemming and Elizabeth Neighbours:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 20" day of November 1847 between Flemming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife of Bedford County & State of Virginia of one part & Joseph P. Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the Sum of Two hundred dollars to him the said Flemming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife in hand paid by the said Joseph P Wright at or before the ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give grant bargain & sell unto the said Joseph P Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Bedford on Falling Creek adjoining the lands of James ____ Decd & others it being a part of the tract whereon the said Neighbours now resides. Commencing at a pine stake in James ____ Decd line on the south West side & near Falling Creek thence running a South East direction as now stated off and running near a Tobacco house, crossing a branch and across a large rock thence to a corner ____ Anderson Neighbours Joseph P Wright & the said Flemming Neighbours, thence rather north with the said Joseph P Wright's line crossing falling creek thence cornering in the said J P Wrights line & running rather West with his line to a corner and crossing the said creek & running with __'s line to the first station. Containing by estimation forty acres be the same more or less

To have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land with all its privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Joseph P Wright, his heirs and assigns forever. We the said Flemming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife for themselves their heirs &c do covenant and agree with the said Joseph P Wright

to warrant and defend the rite & title to the aforesaid tract or parcel of land containing forty acres be the same more or less forever & against the claims of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Flemming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year first written

Signd Seald & acklgd) Flemming Neighbours
In presence of) her
Elizabeth X Neighbours
mark

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth Neighbours wife to Flemming Neighbours party to a certain deed bearing date the 29th day of November 1847 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and after being examined privily and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, the said Elizabeth Neighbours acknowledged the same to be her act & deed & that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same & wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 1st day of January 1848

Jno. Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor & Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Flemming Neighbours party to a Certain deed bearing date the 29 day of November 1847 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act & deed & desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 1st day of January 1848

Jno Claytor JP
Matthew Pate JP

Bedford Clerks office January 15 1848

This deed from Flemming Neighbours & Elizabeth his wife to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate, was produced in the office and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years aof age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1	3	3	6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.69

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	On Falling Cr
do	"	"	191	Same
do	"	"	110¾	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	10.84	1200	2070.44	2.07	
" "	3.00		332.25	.33	from Elijah Howell 1848

This record reflects the purchase of 110-3/4 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 33/412.

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	45	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	42¼	On Same
do	"	"	40	On Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		247.50	.24	from Matthew Wright's Est.
" "	5.50		220.00	.24	" P. M Wright
" "	5.50		220.00	.22	" James A. Wright

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1	3	3	7

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.78½

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	On Falling Cr
do	"	"	191	On Falling Cr
do	"	"	110¾	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
20 W	10.84	1200	2070.44	2.07	
" "	3.00		332.25	.33	from Elijah Howell

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	45	On Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	42¼	On the Same
do	"	"	40	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		247.50	.25	from Matthew Wright's Est.
" "	5.50		232.00	.24	" P M Wright
" "	5.50		220.00	.22	" James A. Wright

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph P. Wright	1		3	4	10

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax
	1					

Physicians and paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
		2.40½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Joseph P. Wright	Bedford	fee	114½	Falling Cr
do	"	"	191	Falling Cr
do	"	"	110¾	Same
do	"	"	45	Beaverdam Cr
do	"	"	42¼	Same
do	"	"	40	Same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	3.25		372.12	.38	
" "	10.84	1200	2070.44	2.07	
" "	3.00		332.25	.33	from Elijah Howell
" "	5.50		247.50	.25	Matthew Wrights est
" "	5.50		232.00	.24	P. M. Wright
" "	5.50		220.00	.22	James A. Wright

This record reflects a consolidation of the two Land Tax listings for Joseph P. Wright and confirms that the same person was involved in both listings.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed a Joseph P. Right with the following members of his household, all born in Virginia:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joseph P. Right	42	M		Farmer	$5,000
Elizabeth A. Right	40	F			
Elizabeth Right	17	F			
Mary J. Right	12	F			
Gelina P. Right	10	F			
Martha A. Right	8	F			
James K. P. Right	7	M			
Virginia B. Right	5	F			
Joseph P. Right	2	M			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates a date of birth for Joseph Pate Wright of approximately 1808 and a birth date of about 1810 for Elizabeth (Adams) Wright. Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Joseph was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

On February 28, 1851, at Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 35/311 Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth A. C. Wright sold 12 acres of land to Rite H. Wright:

> "This deed made the 28" day of Feby in the year 1851 between Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A C his wife & Rite H Wright Witnesseth that in consideration of one hundred & seventeen dollars the said Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A C his wife doth grant with general warranty unto the said Rite H Wright all that part of a tract of land, lying & being in Bedford County on the South fork of Beverdam Creek adjacent to the said Rite H Wright Isah Compton's heirs &c containing

twelve acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows, Commencing at the ford on said Creek of Pates road & runing with said road E as it meanders to Rite H Wright line & thence N.W. with said line to Compton's heirs heirs line thence with said line S to Beverdam Creek thence down it to the begining, with the privilege of a spring near a tobacco house South of Pate's road & the said Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A. C. his wife covenants that they are lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premises, that they have the right to convey the same to the said Rite H Wright & that the said Rite H Wright shall have quite possession of the said tract or parcel of land free from all incumbrances whatsoever. Witness our hands & seals the day & year first above written

Signd. seald. &) Joseph P Wright
acklgd. in presence of) Elizabeth A C Wright

Bedford County to Wit.

I John Claytor a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph P Wright party to a certain deed bearing date the 28 day of February 1851 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired me to certify the same to the clerk of the county court of Bedford in order to be recorded. Given under my hand & seal this 28 day of February 1851

Jno. Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit.

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth A C Wright wife of Joseph P Wright and party to to a certain deed bearing date 28 day of February 1851 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and after being examined by us privily and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same & wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 28 day of February 1851

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

At a court held for Bedford County May 26 1851

This writing from Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A. C. Wright his wife to Rite H Wright conveying real estate produced in court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe CB.C."

The birth record of an unnamed female slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated in April 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	
Date of Birth:	April 1853
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Owner's Name:	Joseph P. Wright
Mother's Name:	Martha"

The birth record of Robert Wright, a slave of Joseph P. Wright, was dated in April 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Robt Wright
Date of Birth:	December 1856
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joseph P. Wright
Owner's Occupation:	Farmer
Owner's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Martha
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The death record of an unnamed slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated in May 1853 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: ____
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Joseph P. Wright
Sex: Female

Date of Death: May 1853
Place of Death: Bedford Co Va
Age: 1 Month
Names of Parents: Martha"

The birth record of Stephen, a slave of Joseph P. Wright, was dated in April 1856 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Stephen
Date of Birth:	April 1856
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joseph P. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Ellen
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

On November 22, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/143 Joseph P. Wright purchased 200 acres of land from Joel and Elizabeth Asbury:

"This Deed made this the 22nd day of November 1856 Between Joel Asberry and Elizabeth his wife of the first part and Joseph P Wright of the second part. Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Two thousand four hundred dollars the said Joel Asberry & Elizabeth his wife do grant unto the said Joseph P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford Va. bounded by the land of Philip R Moorman S G Stewart & Joseph P Wright supposed to contain two hundred acres be the same more or less the said Joel Asberry covenants with the said Joseph P Wright that he hath the right to convey the said land to the said Wright that he hath done no act to incumber the said land that the said Joseph P Wright shall have Quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance or incumbrance and that the said Joel Asberry & Elizabeth his wife will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signatures.

Joel Asberry
Elizabeth Asberry

Bedford County to wit

We Washington Howell & F H Jeter Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Joel Asberry and Elizabeth his wife whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date on the 22d day of November 1856 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and he acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and she being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Asberry acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 22nd day of November 1856.

W Howell JP
F H Jeter JP.

In the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court the 27" day of April 1857. This Deed from Joel Asberry & wife to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate was produced in said office together with the certificate thereto annexed & admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur Clk."

On July 29, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 39/264 Joseph P. Wright purchased 62-1/2 acres of land from James B. Corley and Judith Corley:

"This Deed made this 29th day of July 1857. Between James B Corley & Judith his wife of the first part and Joseph P Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars the said J B Corley & Judith his wife do grant unto the said J P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford on Sandy run bounded by the lands of the heirs of John Feather dec Thomas B Board Cundiff Daniel Fralin & Jeremiah Corley containing sixty two & a half acres. The said J B Corley covenants with the said J P Wright that he hath the right to convey the said land to the said Wright that he hath done no act to incumber the said land that the said Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance or incumbrance and that the said J B Corley & Judith his wife will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signatures and seals

J B Corley
Judith Corley

Va Bedford County to wit

I J W Howell a Justice of the peace for the said County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that James B Corley whose name is signed to the writing within bearing date the 29th day of July 1857 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 22" of August 1857

W Howell JP

Virginia)
Bedford County) to wit

We Peter M Wright & W Howell Justes of the pease for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Judith Corley the wife of James B Corley whose names are signed to the writing within bearing date on the 29" day of July 1857 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privately and aparte from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Judith Corley acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under our hands this 12" day of August 1857

Peter M Wright J.P.
Washington Howell J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24" day of August 1857. This Deed from James B Corley and wife to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court together with the certificates thereto annexed & ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C."

The birth record of Green, a slave of Joseph P. Wright, was dated on December 8, 1857, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Green
Date of Birth:	December 8, 1857
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Male

Born: Alive
Place of Birth: Bedford
Owner's Name: Joseph P. Wright
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: Owner"

The birth record of an unnamed male slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated on December 30, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:
Date of Birth: December 30, 1858
Color: Colored
Status: Slave
Sex: Male
Born: Alive
Owner's Name: Joseph P. Wright
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: Owner"

The death record of an unnamed slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated in April 1860 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Infant
Color: Slave
Name of Owner: Joseph P. Wright
Sex: Male
Date of Death: Apl. 1860
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Smothered
Age: 1 month
Born: Bedford
Informant: J. P. Wright
Designation of Information: Owner"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joseph P. Wright	53	M			
E. A. C. Wright	32	F			
J. P. Wright	19	F			
M. A. Wright	17	F			
J. K. P. Wright	13	M			
V. B. Wright	13	F			
J. P. Wright	11	M			
Jno. A. Wright	8	M			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		

This record indicates a date of birth of about 1807 for Joseph Pate Wright and about 1818 for Elizabeth (Adams) Wright.

The birth record of an unnamed male slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated in December 1860 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:
Date of Birth: December 1860
Color: Colored
Status: Slave
Sex: Male
Born: Alive
Place of Birth: Bedford
Owner's Name: Jos P. Wright
No. at Birth: 1
Informant: Owner"

On March 23, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/466 Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth Wright sold a parcel of land to James Bandy:

"This Indenture made this the 23rd day of March 1861 between Joseph P. Wright & Elizabeth Wright his wife of the first part and James M Bandy of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of one thousand and seventy five dollars to be paid in the following manner to wit: Seventy five dollars on the 25th Dec 1860, $216.67 Dec 25th 1861, $216.67 Dec 25th 1862, $216.66 Dec 25th 1863 & $350.00 August the 7th 1863. The said Joseph P. Wright & Eliza his wife do grant unto the said James M. Bandy with general warranty, all that certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford on Sandy run bounded by the lands of the heirs of John Feather Deced. Thos. B Board the Elijah Cundiff Daniel Fralin & Jeremiah Corley containing sixty two and a half acres it being the same land bought of James B. Corley per deed bearing date July 27th 1857 of record in the County Court Clerk's office. The said Joseph P. Wright covenants with the said James M. Bandy, that he hath the right to convey the said land to the said Bandy that he hath done no act to encumber the said land, that the said Bandy shall have quiet possession of said land, free from all hinderance or incumbrance and that the said Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth his wife will execute such further assurances of the same land as may be requisite, the said Wright retains a lean on the aforesaid land for the purchase money. Witness the following signatures & seals

Joseph P. Wright
Elizabeth Wright

State of Va.)
Bedford County) to wit:

I A. L. Stiff Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Va. do certify that Joseph P. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 23rd day of March 1861, hath acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the day and date above written.

Abram L. Stiff J.P.

State of Va)
Bedford County) to wit:

We A. L. Stiff and J. D. Meador Justices of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Elizabeth Wright the wife of Joseph P. Wright whose names are signed to the Writing above bearing date on the 23rd March 1861 personally appeared before us, in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the Writing aforesaid fully

explained to her she the said Elizabeth Wright, acknowledged the said Writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this day and date above written

Abram L. Stiff J.P.
Jubal D. Meador J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 25th day of March 1861.

This Deed from Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth his wife to James M. Bandy, conveying real estate, was produced in Court together with the certificates thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste =
A. A. Arthur C.B.C"

On April 23, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/65 Joseph P. Wright purchased 65 acres of land from Bazel Ridgeway:

"This Deed made this 23rd day of April AD 1861 Between Bazel Ridgeway of the first part & Joseph P Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and forty dollars the said Bazel Ridgeway do grant unto the said Joseph P Wright with general warranty all that certain tract or parcel of Land, lying & being in the County of Bedford on the waters of Falling Creek a branch of Staunton River it being the land conveyed by Daniel Frailing and Nancy his wife to the said Bazel Ridgeway & Joseph Ridgeway Jr in the year 1843 & since that time Joseph Ridgeway has conveyed his interest to the said Bazel Ridgway containg Sixty five acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows - Beginning at a Spanish oak corner to Echols now John Siner, Thence off a new line N 47-1/2 E 24 poles to a Red oak on Boyd's road. Thence allong said Road as it meanders N 72 E 8 poles S 75-1/2 E 10 poles N 82-1/2 E 6 poles N 66-1/2 E 28 poles N 47 E 20 poles N 56-1/2 E 22 poles to a white oak in the fork of the Road thence N 87 to Hornes Red oak thence along said line S 59 E 39-1/2 poles to Corleys (now) J P Wright corner Pine thence allong his line S 28 W 88 poles to a red oak now pointers S 85-1/4 W 108 poles to John Siner's line corner red oak in Ridgeways line Thence along Echols (now John Siner) line 53 W 51-1/2 poles to the first station. The said Bazel Ridgeway covenants with the said Joseph P Wright that he hath the right to convey the said land to the said Joseph P Wright, That he hath done no act to incumber the said land. That the said Joseph P Wright shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hinderance or incumberance and that the said Bazel Ridgeway will execute such

further assurances of the said Land as may be requisite Witness the following signature day and year first written.

Bazel Ridgeway

Bedford County)
State of Virginia) ss

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Bazel Ridgeway whose name is signed to the annexed writing bearing date on the 23rd day of April 18_ hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given und_ my hand this 23rd day of April 1861.

Elias James NP

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office May 10th 1862

This deed from Bazel Ridgeway to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On April 23, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 42/66 Joseph Wright purchased two tracts of land from Bazel Ridgeway and Rhoda Ridgeway:

"This Deed made this 23rd day of April AD 1861 Between Bazel Ridgeway & Rhoda Ridgeway of the first part & Joseph P Wright of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of Eight hundred and Sixty dollars. The said Bazel Ridgeway & Rhoda Ridgeway do grant unto the said Joseph P Wright with general warranty all them two tracts or parcel of Land lying in Bedford County it being the one tract conveyed by William King and Betsy King his wife to Joseph Ridgeway in 1818 containing Sixty eight acres be the same more or less and the other tract was conveyed by Benj Corley and Rhoda his wife in the year 1824 to the said Joseph Ridgeway containing eighteen and one half acre be the same more or less & by the last will and testament of the said Joseph Ridgeway willed the above two tracts or parcels of Land to the said Bazel Ridgeway & Rhoda Ridgeway the tract conveyed by Corley & wife are bounded as follows, to wit Beginning now on J P Wrights corner dead pine thence a new line S 5 E 78-1/2 poles +ing a branch to 3 sowerwoods & hickory in Rusts lines (now C Bandy's line thence along his line S 69 W 63-1/4 poles to a stake & pointers corner to the first named tract & now Jame C Kasey thence along the first named tract N 14-1/2 E 50-1/2 poles to a red oak N 37-1/4 E 66 poles Xing two branches to the

first station. The first tract are bounded as follows (Viz) Beging at formerly colly's (now) Bandy & James C Kasey corner pine on a path thence a strait line Xing a branch thence NW a strait line to a pine in (now) J P Wrights line thence a strait line to a pine (now) corner to John Siner & Daniel Frailing, thence a strait line Xing a branch to corner Chesnut to vinyards (now Daniel Frailing) line, Thence East a strait line to corner Chesnut in (now) J. C. Kasey's line thence a strait line to the first Station, with all the singular appurtenances thereunto to the aforesaid tracts or parcel of land hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed by these presents be the same more or less. The said Bazel Ridgeway and Rhoda Ridgeway covenants with the said Joseph P Wright that they hath the right to convey the said two tracts of Land to the said Joseph P Wright. That they hath done no act to incumber the said lands. That the said Joseph P Wright shall have quite possession of said Lands, free from all hinderance or incumberance and that the said Bazel Ridgeway & Rhoda Ridgeway will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be requisite. Tho the said Bazel Ridgeway & Rhoda Ridgeway reserves the right of a lien to themselves on the lands hereby conveyed for the defered paymt of said lands for the sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars due on the 25 day of December 1860. Witness the following signatures & seals day & year first written

witness
Joseph Ridgeway

Bazel Ridgeway
her
Rhoda X Ridgeway
mark

Bedford County)
State of Virginia) to wit

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Bazel Ridgeway and Rhoda Ridgeway whose names is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 23rd day of April 1861 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1861.

Elias James N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office May 10th 1862

This deed from Bazel Ridgeway and Rhoda Ridgeway to Joseph P Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

On June 15, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/541 Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth A. Wright sold 3 lots of land to Wright H. Wright:

"This deed made 15th day of June 1861 between Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A Wright his wife of the first part & Wright H Wright of the second part Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Two thousand Dollars the said Joseph P Wright hath sold unto the said Wright H Wright Three certain lots of land hereinafter named to Wit: No 2 as laid down in the division of Matthew Wrights lands and allotted to Joseph P Wright, bounded as follows commencing at pointers in the dower line thence along the line of lot No 3. S 84 W 105 po. to Pates corner red oak near a fork of a branch thence along his line S 15-3/4 W 63 po. to a persimmon S 79 E 8-3/4 po to a pine N 76 E 69 poles to pointers S 62 E 29 po. to a white oak on Beaver dam Creek, thence along the line of lot No 1. N 48 E 52 po. to pointers corner to the dower and along the line of the dower N 29 W 36 po to the beginning containing 45 acres, No 3 in same division allotted to John A Wright, Beginning at pointers in the dower line and corner to lot No 2 thence along the line of said lot S 84 W 105 po; to Pates corner red oak near the fork of a branch thence along his line N 20-3/4 E 51 po. to James corner white oak thence along his line N 14 E 45 po to pointers corner to lot No 4 and along the line of the same S 85 E 70 po to a pile of rocks & stake in the dower line and along the line of the Same S 29 W 32 po to a pile of rocks S 29 E 51 po to the beginning containing 40 acres. Lot No 4 in same division allotted to Peter M Wright beginning at a stake & pile of rock in the dower line corner to lot No 3 thence along the lines of said lot N 85 W 70 po. to pointers in James' line and along his line N 14 E 34 po to his corner stake, the same course continued in all 94 pos to a maple on a branch corner to lot No 5 & 7 along the line of lot No 5 S 61 E 102 po to a rock on Pates road and corner to the dower along the lines of the dower S 74 W 14 po to a small persimmon bush S 29 W 58 po to the beginning containing 42-1/4 acres, the said Joseph P Wright having by a former deed conveyed a portion of lot No 4 to the said W H Wright, this deed is not intended to cover the portion already conveyed but merely to give the courses and distances of the same the aforesaid lots of land are to be the same more or less the said Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A his wife doth hearby convey the aforesaid several lots of land to the said Wright H Wright with general warranty Witness the following signatures and seals day & date above written

Joseph P Wright
Elizabeth A C Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford Viz.

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the state of Virginia do certify that Joseph P Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing

date on the 15th day of June 1861, hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 15th day of June 1861

Elias James NP

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I Elias James a Notary public for the county of Bedford in the state of Virginia do certify that Elizabeth A C Wright the wife of Joseph P Wright whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 15th day of June 1861 personally appeared before me, in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Elizabeth C. A Wright acknowledged the said Writing to be her act, and declared that She had Willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hands this 15th day of June 1861

Elias James NP

At a Court of Quarterly sessions held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of July 1861

This deed from Joseph P Wright and wife to Wright H Wright conveying real estate, was produced in court together with the certificates thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The birth record of an unnamed female slave of Joseph P. Wright was dated on January 8, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Infant
Date of Birth:	January 8, 1862
Color:	Colored
Status:	Slave
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Owner's Name:	Joseph D (P?) Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Owner"

The death record of Julina P. Wright, daughter of J. P. and Elizabeth Wright, was dated on September 30, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Julina P. Wright
Date of Death: September 30, 1862
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Typhoid fever
Age: 22 yrs
Names of Parents: J. P. & Elizabeth Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Status: Unmarried
Name of Informant: Jos. P. Wright
Designation of Informant: Father"

The death record of John A. Wright, son of J. P. and Elizabeth Wright, was dated on December 28, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: John A. Wright
Date of Death: December 28, 1862
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Age: 11 yrs 2 mos
Names of Parents: J. P. & Elizabeth Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Status: Unmarried
Name of Informant: Jos. P. Wright
Designation of Informant: Father"

On April 8, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 44/36 Joseph P. and Elizabeth A. C. Wright sold 900 acres of land to James K. P. Wright and Stephen W. Wright:

"This Deed made this 8th day of April 1868, between Joseph P. Wright & Elizabeth A. C. Wright his wife of the first part & James K. P. Wright & Stephen W. Wright of the second part, witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Five thousand dollars, the said Joseph P. Wright & Elizabeth A. C. his wife doth grant unto the said James K. P. Wright & Stephen W. Wright with general warranty, all that certain tract or tracts of land lying in the County of Bedford, bounded by the lands of Philip R. Moomaw S. G. Stewart Cornelaas Bandy James C. Kasey, Corneliaas Horn Corley & others, containing nine hundred acres be the same more or less. The said Joseph P. Wright & Elizabeth A. C. Wright his wife covenants with the said James K. P. Wright & Stephen W. Wright that they shall

have joint possession of said land free from all hindrences or incumbrances. Witnesseth the following signatures and seals.

Joseph P. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office April 8th 1868

This Deed from Joseph P. Wright to James K. P. Wright & Stephen W. Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office stamped with five dollars United States Internal Revenue Stamps acknowledged by said Joseph P Wright, admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur, C.B.C."

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Jos P. Wright	25	M	W	Farmer	5000
Joseph P. Wright	65	M	W	Farmer	
Elizabeth Wright	61	F	W	Keeping house	
Joseph P. J. Wright	21	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Benson Wright	23	M	W	Farm Laborer	
Emmet Wright	2	M	W		
Mollie Stuart	31	F	W	At home	
Alice Stuart	7	F	W		
Paul Wright	25	M	B	Farm laborer	
Virginia Wright	18	F	B	Domestic Servt	
Grant Wright	2	M	B		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
700	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				1
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
		1	
		1	
		1	
1		1	
1			
		1	

This record indicates that Joseph Pate Wright was born in about 1805, that Elizabeth Wright was born in about 1809, and that 1913 Joseph Pate Wright was born in about 1845.

On May 7, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 6/385 the court entered an order in the suit of Joseph P. Wright v. Bandy for the confirmation of the sale of real property:

"Joseph P. Wright, who sues for the benefit
of James C. Kasey, Plaintiffs
against
James M. Bandy and Cornelius Bandy Defendants

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of William A. Wingfield, Commissioner to execute the decretal order rendered in this cause on 4th May 1867, to which report there are no exceptions, and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the Court approving the said report, doth confirm the same and the sale therein reported; and it appearing to the Court from the said report, that the land sold, was purchased by James C. Kasey, to whom the debt in the bill and proceedings mentioned, is due, and that the price obtained for said land is insufficient to satisfy and pay off said debt, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the said James C. Kasey have liberty to withdraw from amongst the papers in this cause the bonds given for said purchase money, after having first credited his said debt against defendant Bandy with the sum of Two hundred and seventy five dollars and twenty cents, less the costs of this suit, and the expenses of making said sale as of 16th July 1867 and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that James F. Johnson, who is hereby appointed Special Commissioner for the purpose, do convey, by proper deed with special warranty, unto the said James C. Kasey the legal title to the said land. And all the purposes of this suit having been attained, it is ordered, that the same be discontinued and stricken from the docket, with leave to any person interested to apply to the Court for such other order or decree as may become necessary to carry this decree into effect."

On April 8, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 51/76 Joseph P. Wright, as commissioner, sold 141 acres of land to Burwell W. Baker:

"Whereas in a chancery suit lately depending in Bedford County Court in the name of Preston al v Preston &c Burwell W. Baker became the purchaser of a certain tract of land sold at public auction by Joseph P. Wright Commissioner, under a decree in said cause which sale was at the price of $____ and was reported by said Commissioner to said Court, and confirmed in said cause at the May term 1863 of said Court. And whereas the Court, by its decree entered in said cause at the May Term 1863 appointed the said Joseph P. Wright a Commissioner to convey said land to the purchaser when all of the purchase money therefor should be paid, which payment has been made in full. Now, therefore, this deed made the 8th day of April 1878, between Joseph P. Wright, Commissioner as aforesaid, of the first part, and the said Burwell W Baker of the second part Witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, the said Commissioner doth grant with special warranty unto the said Burwell W. Baker all of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of

Bedford, Virginia adjacent to the lands of _____ and _____ and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a post oak stump on east side of & near Hardys road in Kaseys field thence N 53 W 16-1/2 poles N 34 W 57 poles to a white oak on the west side of said road thence with Frailings line N 39-1/2 W 26 poles with road N 13-1/2 W 20 poles N 37-1/4 W 27 poles to corner near a large pine near a bend in said road, N 76 W 18 poles, N 54-1/2 W 10 poles, N 34 W 2-1/2 poles to Horns corner, two black oaks & a pine - thence S 79 W 100 poles to a locust N 37-1/2 W 16 poles to a red oak stump and sprout, corner to Horn N 82 W 32 poles, to corner of Horn & Siners - thence with Siners line S 21 E 64 poles 14 links to pointers, spanish oak, locust and dogwood S 8 W 18 poles to pointers - two pines and chestnut corner to D. Siner, S 46 E 32 poles to a white oak & corner to J Siner S 11-1/2 E 27 poles to a chestnut, corner to J Siner S 70, E 30 poles to a rock on east side of a Big Branch and corner to Wood, & with his lines meandering with Big Branch N 18-3/4, E 14 poles 18 links, N 67-1/4 E. 4 poles, N 13-1/2 W 4 poles to corner of Wood in Big Branch - With his line S 81 E 69 poles to a white oak S 9 W 5 poles to a corner with Wood at a sour wood S 67 E 21 poles to corner with Wood at three oaks, pointers N 78-1/2 E. 76 poles, to the Beginning and being the same land which is more fully described in a plat and survey thereof made on the 14th day of March 1878, and hereto attached as part of this deed containing by said survey one hundred and forty one acres & twenty eight poles.

Witness the following signature and seal

Joseph P. Wright,
Commissioner.

Survey made for B W Baker March 14th 1878 and bounded as follows.

Beginning at a Post oak stump on East side of and near Hardies Road in Keseys field and running N 53 W 16-1/2 Poles to corner in road, at 2 thence N 34 W 57 Poles to corner on white oak on west side of Hardies Road at 3 then with Fralings line N 39-1/2 W 26 poles, with the meandering of the road to corner at 4. N 13-1/2 W 20 Poles to corner on east side of Hardies road at 5 N 37-1/4 W 27 poles to corner near a large Pine near bend in said road at 6 N. 76 W 18 poles to corner at 7 N 54-1/2 W 10 Poles to corner near Horn and Baker at 8 thence N 34 W 2-1/2 Poles to Horns corner at 9, two black oaks and 1 Pine, thence with his line S 79 W 100 poles to a locust at 10 N 37-1/2 W 16 poles to a red oak stump and sprout corner to Horn at 11 N 82 W 32 Poles to corner with Horn on Siners line at 12 and with Siner line S 21 E 64 poles 14 links to pointers, spanish oak, locust and dogwood at 13 then S 8 W 18 Poles to pointers, two Pines and chestnut corner to D Siner at 14 S 46 E 32 poles to a white oak and corner to J Siner at 15 S 11-1/2 E 27 Poles to chestnut in a groupt and corner to J. Siner at 16 S 70 E 30 Poles to rock on east side of big branch and corner to

Wood at 17 and with his line meandering with Big Branch N 18-3/4 E 14 poles 18 links to 18 N 67-1/4 E 4 poles to 19 N 13-1/2 W 4 Poles to corner with Wood in Big Branch at 20 thence with is his S 81 E 69 Poles to white oak at 21 S 9 W 5 poles to corner with Wood at a sour wood, at 22 S 67 E 21 poles to corner with Wood at pointers, three oaks at 23, thence N 78-1/2 E 76 poles to beginning at 1.

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I J. D. Meador a Justice of Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, certify that Joseph P. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 8th day of April 1878, has acknowledged the same, before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 25th day of May 1878.

J D. Meador J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office August 16th 1878.

This Deed from Joseph P. Wright Commissioner, to Burwell W. Baker, conveying real estate was produced in said Office, and together with the Certificate thereto, annexed, admitted to record

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

This was probably 1890 Joseph Pate Wright, but may have been his son 1913 Joseph Pate Wright.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Joseph P. Wright	W	M	73		
Elizabeth Wright	W	F	72		Wife
Virginia B. Wright	W	F	33		Daughter
Joseph P. Wright	W	M	31		Son
Emmet P. Wright	W	M	12		Son
Alice P. Stewart	W	F	17		Gr Daughter
James Merriman	W	M	23		Laborer

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		At home		
S		Farmer		
S		At Home		
S		At Home		
S		Laborer on farm		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Joseph P. Wright was born in about 1807 and that Elizabeth (Adams) Wright was born in about 1808.

The death record of Elizabeth A. C. Wright was dated on June 24, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Elizabeth A. C. Wright
Color: White
Sex: Female
Date of Death: June 24, 1885
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Paralyses
Age: 76 Years 4 Months 25 Days
Names of Parents: Jeremiah & Elizabeth Adams
Where Born: Bedford
Consort of: Joseph P. Wright Sr
Name of Informant: J. P. Wright Sr.
Designation of Informant: Husband"

This record indicates that Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright was born on January 31, 1809.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Elizabeth A. G. Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Elizabeth A. G. Wright
January 20, 1809
June 21, 1885"

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of J. P. Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"J. P. Wright
March 20, 1807
December 23, 1890"

Our Kin stated that Joseph Pate Wright was a child of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on March 10 or 30, 1807, and married Eliza Adams.

The statement of Mrs. N. McManaway, a niece of Joseph Pate Wright, enclosed with Mrs. Wilson's letter of September 11, 1984, stated that Joseph Pate Wright married Eliza Adams.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Joseph Pate Wright and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright were the following:

1) Elizabeth A. A. (Wright) Board, born about 1833 or 1835 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Mary J. K. (Wright) Stuart, born about 1833 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Julina P. Wright, born about 1840 at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Martha A. (Wright) Kemper, born about 1842 or 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) James Knox Polk Wright, born on December 25, 1843 or 1844 or 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Virginia B. Wright, born about 1845 or 1847 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Joseph Pate Wright, born on March 19, 1849, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

8) John Adams Wright, born in October 1851 at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Elizabeth A. A. (Wright) Board And Her Husband Thomas B. Board

Elizabeth A. A. (Wright) Board was a daughter of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

The marriage bond of Elizabeth A. A. Wright, daughter of Joseph P. Wright, and Thomas Board was dated on January 12, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, with James M. Wright as surety and the marriage on January 21, 1852:

> "The Clerk of Bedford County Court is authorized to Issue Lisense to Join in Holy Matrimony Thomas Beard & my daugter Elizabeth A. A given under my hand this January 12th day 1852
>
> John C. Steptoe Witness
> Peter M. Wright
>
> Joseph P. Wright

> Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Thomas Beard and James M Wright are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. For the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this 12" day of January 1852.
>
> The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Thomas Beard and Elizabeth A. A. Wright Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct

said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

T B Beard
James M Wright

I duly solemnized the rites of matrimony between Thomas Board & Elizabeth A. A. Wright of Bedford County upon the authority of a license issued from your office bearing date 12th day of January 1852. Given under my hand this 22nd day of January 1852

by this make return) C. R. Campbell
according to law) Minister of the Gospel of christ of the M. E. Church"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas B. Board with the following household on July 9, 1860:

Name	Age	Occupation	Estate	Property	Born
Thomas B. Board	30	Farmer	$2,600	$6,520	Virginia
E. A. Board	25				Virginia

This record indicates that Elizabeth A. A. (Wright) Board was born about 1835 and Thomas B. Board was born about 1830.

ii. Mary J. K. (Wright) Stewart And Her Husband William R. Stewart

Mary J. K. (Wright) Stewart was a daughter of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary J. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1833.

The marriage record for Mary Jane Wright and William R. Stewart was dated on January 18, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties.

"The Clerk of the County court of Bedford is hereby authorised to issue License for the marriage of my Daughter Mary Jane to Wm R Stewart January 9th 1860

Witness Joseph P. Wright
Jno. S. Stuart

Having applied to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County for a Marriage License, and being requested, I make the following Certificate, as required by the Act of the General Assembly, passed April 7th, 1858.

Date of Marriage, 18th January 1860
Place of Marriage, Bedford County
Full Names of Parties married, William R. Stewart & Mary Jane Wright
Age of Husband, 32 years (19th Sept. 1859
Age of Wife, 21 years
Condition of Husband (widowed),
Condition of Wife, Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Roanoke County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, James Stewart & Elizabeth Stewart decd.
Names of Wife's Parents, Joseph P. & __ Wright
Occupation of Husband, Tobacconist

Given under my hand this 11th day of January 1860

Wm R Stewart"

iii. Julina P. Wright

Julina P. Wright was a daughter of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Gelina(?) Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. P. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and her age as 19 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

The death record of Julina P. Wright was dated on September 30, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Julina P. Wright
Date of Death: September 30, 1862
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Typhoid fever
Age: 22 yrs
Names of Parents: J. P. & Elizabeth Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Status: Unmarried
Name of Informant: Jos. P. Wright
Designation of Informant: Father"

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Julia P. Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Julia P. Wright
December 17, 1840
September 30, 1862"

iv. Martha A. (Wright) Kemper And Her Husband George E. Kemper

Martha A. (Wright) Kemper was a daughter of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Martha A. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M. A. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 17 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

The marriage record of Martha A. Wright and George E. Kemper was dated on January 14, 1868, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"To the Clerk of Bedford County you will please issue lisense for my Daughter Martha A. Meruca (?) Wright & Edward Camper to join in holey Matrimony & this shall be your receipt for the same

James K Wright

Joseph P Wright
January the 13 1868

Marriage License.

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, George E Kemper and Martha A Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 13th day of January 1868

A. A. Arthur Clerk.

Certificate To Obtain A Marriage License,

Time of Marriage, 14th day of January 1868
Place of Marriage, Bedford County Va
Full names of Parties Married, George E. Kemper & Martha A Wright
Age of Husband, 29 years
Age of Wife, 24 years
Condition of Husband, (single,)
Condition of Wife (single,)
Place of Husband's Birth, Botetourt County Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Roanoke County Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Harman & Elizabeth Kemper
Names of Wife's Parents, Joseph P & Elizabeth Wright
Occupation of Husband, Painter

Given under my hand this 13th day of January, 1868

A A Arthur Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage.

I certify, that on the 14th day of January, 1868 at the residence of the brid's father in Bedford Co. Va, I united in marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

J. R. Harrison"

v. 1889 James Knox Polk Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Susan Or Bettie (James) Wright, And His Descendants

1889 James Knox Polk Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James K. P. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and his age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. K. P. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and his age as 15 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

Remnants Of War 1861-1865 by Ann Chilton listed J. K. P. Wright as on the roster of Company F of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry Regiment, organized at Davis Mill several months before the war and called the "Bedford Southside Dragoons", and included the following commutation:

"(45) Wright, James K. P.
Co. F. 2nd Regt., Va. Cav.

Gunshot wound in right leg, just above the ankle. The muscle and tendons of the leg are permanently stiffened so neither foot nor toes can be used, for any length of time without fatigue. He is disabled from manuel labor.

Dr. Suter"

The 58th Virginia Infantry stated that James Knox Polk Wright enlisted as a private in Company E of the 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment on March 23, 1864, was

born on December 25, 1844, at Virginia, was a student at the Rocky Mount Post Office in the 1860 Census for Franklin County, served in Company F of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry, present until absent without leave on October 4, 1864, returned by December 31, 1864, was present through February 28, 1865, surrendered at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, was wounded in the right leg, died on August 22, 1888, at Bedford County, and was buried in the Wright Cemetery on Route 619 near Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia.

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that James Knox Polk Wright was born on December 25, 1844, at Virginia, enlisted in Company E, 58th Virginia Infantry Regiment, on February 22, 1864, transferred to the 2nd Virginia Cavalry on March 23, 1864, was present through June 1864, was wounded in action in the right leg just above the ankle, that the muscles and tendon were permanently stiffened, was at Mt. Jackson hospital on November 21, 1864, was issued clothing at Staunton hospital on December 13, 1864, and surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

Franklin County, Virginia - A History stated that a James K. Wright and a J. K. Wright were privates in Company E, "Franklin Guards", of the 58th Virginia Infantry. One of those two persons was probably James Knox Polk Wright.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jos. P. (Jas. K.?) Wright in the Jos. P. Wright household and his age as 25 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

The marriage record of James K. P. Wright and Susan James was dated on December 22, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia James K. P. Wright and Susan James

Given under my hand, as Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 19th day of December 1870.

S. G. Wingfield, Deputy Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License,

Time of Marriage, December 22nd 1870
Place of Marriage, Bedford County, Virginia
Full names of Parties Married, James K. P. Wright & Susan James
Age of Husband, 26 years
Age of Wife, 23 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County, Virginia
Names of Husband's Parents, Joseph P. & Elizabeth M. Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Isaac & Adeline F. James
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 19th day of December 1870

G. G. Wingfield Deputy Clerk

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I certify, that on the 22nd day of December 1870, at brid's fathers in Bedford Co Va I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

J R Harrison"

On December 21, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 46/95 James K. P. Wright sold 600 acres of land to Joseph P. Wright, Jr.:

"This deed made this 21st day of December 1870, Between James K P Wright of the first part & Joseph P Wright Jr of the Second part Witnesseth; That in consideration of the Sum of Three thousand five hundred Dollars, The said James K P Wright doth grant unto the said Joseph P Wright Jr With general warranty a tract of land containing Six hundred acres to be the Same more or less adjoining and bounded by the lands of Philip R Moomaw, S G Stewart & others, Said tract being the whole of the land bought by the Said James K P

Wright & Stephen W Wright, of Joseph P Wright Sen, with the exception of the lands known as the Siner, & Ridgeway farms. The Said James K P Wright covenants with the Said Joseph P Wright Jr that he Shall have quiet possession of Said land free from all persons whatsoever. Witness the following Signature & Seal

James K. P. Wright

State of Va county of Bedford to wit:

I Abner Howell Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, in the State of Va do certify that James K P Wright, whose name is Signed to the Writing above, bearing date on the 21" day of Dec 1870 hath acknowledged the Same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 21" day of Dec 1870

Abner Howell JP

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1872

This Deed from James K. P. Wright to Joseph P. Wright Jr. conveying real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with Three dollars and fifty cents, United States Internal Revenue stamp, cancelled according to law, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of Ottie H. Wright, son of James K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on March 17, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Ottie H. Wright
Date of Birth:	March 17, 1871
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Parents:	James K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Isaac James Wright, son of James K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on May 9, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: Isaac James Wright
Date of Birth: May 9, 1874
Place of Birth: Chamblissburg District
Parents: James K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation: Farmer
Father's Residence: Bedford
Informant: Father"

On March 7, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/193 James K. P. Wright and Susan Wright sold 11-1/4 acres of land to Samuel H. Feather and Charles T. Feather:

"This Deed made March the 7th 1877 between James K P Wright and Susan his wife of the first part, and Samuel H. & Charles T. Feather of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one hundred twelve 50/100 Dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said J K P Wright and Susan his wife have sold & do hereby grant with general warranty to the said Saml H and Charles T Feather a lot or parcel of land containing Eleven and one fourth acres bounded as follows Begining at a large white oak corner to Fralin Thence N 13° E 4.18 chains to a branch thence down the branch as it meanders 11.10 chas Thence off S 5-1/4 W. 3.46 chas to pointers in Kaseys line Thence N 61-3/4 W 2.37 chas N 43-3/4 W 6.76 chas to a large white oak corner to Fralen Thence N 34 W 6.70 chains to the begining. In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our signatures and seals, day and date above written

James K. P. Wright
Susan Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S G Stewart a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Va. do hereby certify that James K P Wright and Susan Wright his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date March the 7th 1877 personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same and the said Susan Wright being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writeing aforesaid fully explained to her, she acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and dose not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal, March 7th 1877.

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court October 23d 1877

This Deed from James K P Wright and Susan his wife to Samuel H Feather and Charles T. Feather conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

The birth record of Joseph Wright, son of James K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on April 20, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Joseph Wright
Date of Birth:	April 20, 1877
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	James K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Mary Wright, daughter of J. K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on September 20, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Mary Wright
Date of Birth:	September 20, 1879
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	J. K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James K. P. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
James K. P. Wright	W	M	35		
Susan Wright	W	F	32		Wife
Other H. Wright	W	M	9		Son
Isaac J. Wright	W	M	6		Son
Joseph P. Wright	W	M	3		Son
Mary A. Wright	W	F	7/12	Oct	Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S				
S				
S				
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that James K. P. Wright was born in about 1845 and that Susan Wright was born in about 1848.

On December 14, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/588 James K. P. Wright and Susan Wright sold 33 acres of land to John Flick:

> "This deed made Dec 14" 1881, between James K P Wright & Susan his wife of the first part & John Flick of the second part, Witnesseth: That in consideration of one hundred & fifty Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged The parties of the first part hath sold and do hereby convey with general warranty to

the party of the second part, a certain tract or parsel of land containing 35 acres more or less, being the same land lately deeded by James C. Kasey trustee to Mrs __ Carrol & by her to James K P Wright, bounded as follows: on the east by the lands of Samuel Bandy (now Samuel Cheatwood) north by J K P Wright, west by James C Kasey, South by a brance. Witness the following signatures & seals day & date above written

Jas K. P. Wright
Susan Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

I S J Stewart a Notary public for the county in the state aforesaid, do certify that James K P Wright & Susan Wright, his wife, came before me in my County aforesaid acknowleged the foregoing deed, to which their names are signed bearing date Dec 14" 1881, and the said Susan Wright after haveing said deed fully explained to her seperate and apart from her husband, declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Dec the 14" 1881

S. G. Stewart NP

In Bedford County Court April 24th 1882.

This Deed from James K. P. Wright and wife to John Flick, conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of Robert P. Wright, son of James K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on November 13, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Robert P. Wright
Date of Birth:	November 13, 1883
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	James K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of ____ Wright, daughter of J. K. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on January 4, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: ____ Wright
Date of Birth: January 4, 1888
Sex: Female
Place of Birth: Chamblissburg
Parents: J. K. P. & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation: Farmer"

The death record of ____ Wright, daughter of J. H. P. and Susan Wright, was dated on January 29, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: ____ Wright
Color: White
Sex: Female
Date of Death: January 29, 1889
Place of Death: Bedford
Age: 26 days
Names of Parents: J. H. P. & Susan Wright"

Although the year of death was listed as 1889, the age of the child in conjunction with the birth record indicates that the year of death was actually 1888.

The birth record of Russel P. Wright, son of James K. Polke and Susan Wright, was dated on March 30, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child: Russel P. Wright
Date of Birth: March 30, 1889
Place of Birth: Blue Ridge District
Parents: James K. Polke & Susan Wright
Father's Occupation: Farmer
Informant: Mother"

On June 27, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 67/299 James K. P. Wright and Susan Wright sold 54-3/4 acres of land to J. H. Brown:

> "This Deed made this the 27th day of June 1889, Between James K. P. Wright and Susan Wright his wife of the first part, and J. H. Brown of the second part Witnesseth That in consideration of the sum Six hundred and fifty seven Dollars the said James K. P Wright Susan Wright his wife do grant unto the said J. H.

Brown with General warranty all that certain certain tract of land lying in the County of Bedford and bounded as follows Beginning at A Bush in the Road Thence a new line South 166 poles crossing two branches to A Rock in Kasey's line and with it N 89 W 21 poles to A Rock N 60 W 25.20 poles A Rock corner to Samuel Feather's line and with it N 6.45 E 52.80 poles to A Branch where a Rock is planted on the Branch and up the same as it meanders N 84 W 16 N 62 W 10 poles N 75 W 18.80 to A persimmon tree thence leaving the Branch with Calverts line N 16 E 19 poles to A pine stump E 28 poles Crossing Branch to A Black oak stump N 9.15 W 63 poles to A double sourwood at the old tar kiln E 12 poles to the Boyd Road and with it same course in all 20 poles N 81 E 4 poles N 62 E 12 poles N 81 E 4 poles S 75 E 12 poles N 77.30 E 8.40 poles to the Beginning containing 54-3/4 Acres By survey the said James K. P. Wright covenants with the said J. H. Brown that he hath the Right to convey the said land to the said J. H. Brown that he hath done no act to encumber the said land that the said J. H. Brown shall have quiet possession of said land free from all hindrance or encumbrance and that the said James K. P. Wright Susan Wright his wife will execute such furth assurances as may be Requisite. Witness the following signatures and seals.

Jas. K. P. Wright
Susan Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Charles O. Graham A Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia Do certify that James K. P. Wright and Susan Wright the wife of James K. P. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 29th day of June 1889 hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 29th day of June 1889.

Charles O. Graham N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 8th, 1891

This Deed from James K. P. Wright and wife to J. H. Brown, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and, together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The death record of James K. Polk Wright was dated on August 22, __, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Jas. K. Polk Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: August 22 [year of death not listed]
Cause of Death: Fever
Age: 46 years
Names of Parents: Joseph P. & Eliza Wright
Where Born: Bedford Co.
Designation of Informant: Father"

Although the year of death was not listed, other information set forth below indicates that the year of death was 1889.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of J. K. P. Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"J. K. P. Wright
December 25, 18_
August 23, 1888"

Given the date of June 27, 1889, in Bedford County Deed 67/299 and the accounting information for the estate of James K. P. Wright set forth below, this tombstone date appears to be incorrect and should read 1889 for the year of death.

On December 21, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/567 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of James K. P. Wright was filed:

"Inventory of the personal Estate of James K. P. Wright decd. Made the ___ day of December 1889.

5 head young Cattle	90.00
1 red Cow	20.00
1 Black Cow	15.00
1 Yellow Mare	20.00
1 Bay Horse	15.00
1 Jersey	8.00
wheat Fan	.50
Double Plow	.50
1 Set 2 horse harness	4.00
set Plow gear	1.00
Lot Rough feed	30.00
Old Harrow	.5_

Shovel plows	1.5_
Old turing plow	—
2 Horse Waggon	10.00
100 bushels Corn	40.00
1 Hog	7.0_
450 lbs Pork	22._
1 Saddle	—
5 bee Stands	3.00
1 Burow & Glass	5.00
1 Sowing Machine	1.00
1 Bed & furniture	10.00
6 Chairs	3.00
And Irons	.7_
Bed & furniture	4.00
Trundled Bed	1.00
Chist	—
do	—
Clock	
lowing glass	2.00
lamp	—
Bed & furniture	4.00
Trundle Bed	1.50
2 Trunks	1.50
Set Chars	2.00
And Irons	.5_
Bed & furniture	4.00
Bureau	2.00
lat	.25
Safe	1.00
Stove	15.00
Tables	1.00
Table Ware	2.00
Lot of Jars	1.00
Hand Saw	._
And Irons	._
2 Axes	.5_
Barrel	.2_

We the undersigned After having been sworn have stated and appraised the personal Estate of J. K. Wright all of which Will Appear by refference to the foregoing Statement All of which is Most respectfully submitted

L. D. Beel
J. T. Trent
Wm. W. Basham

Three bonds on Jas H Brown $557.00

Commissioners Office Liberty Va Jany 2nd 1890

I Certify that I have examined the foregoing appraisement and Inventory and find it in proper form.

W. W. Berry
Com'r of Accounts.

Bedford County to Wit

This day personally appeared before me L. D. Bill J. T. Trent and W W. Basham Appraisers appointed by the County Court of Bedford County to appraise the personal Estate of J. P. K. Wright Deseased and were duly Sworn to discharge the dutis of thire appointment firstly and impartially. Given under my hand and Seal this the 21 day of December 1889.

R. D. Dearing J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office December 21st 1889. This Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of J. K. P Wright deceased was produced in said Office and together with the Certificate thereto admitted to record.

Teste Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

On May 25, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 27/87 Joseph P. Wright, Jr., filed his accounting for the estate of James K. P. Wright:

"J. K. P. Wright's Estate,
In Account with Jos. P. Wright Jr. His Administrator

1889		Dr
Aug 21	To Cash paid funeral expenses	20.00
Octo 5	" " " 1st National Bank of Roanoke to take up note	225.00

Nov	" " " Ro. S. Quarles Clerk fees	5.00
Dec 17	" " " " " " " on Deed	1.00
" 25	" " " Dr Jno. W. Fuqua's bill	10.00
" 31	" " " Philadelphia house bill	21.75
1890		
Jany 13	" " " Jordan Feather's "	5.70
Feby 27	" " " Hanes & Bowl's "	6.37
April 9	" " " Dr Jno. W. Fuqua's "	20.00
" 22	" " " Taxes for 1889	17.69
July 6	" " " Dr Jno W. Fuqua	25.00
Dec 29	" " " Geo. Ridgeway a/c	27.25
1891		
Jany 1	" " " Mrs. J K. P. Wright	6.00
1	" " " A. L. Dickinson a/c	25.00
6	" " " J. H. Feather's a/c	46.66
7	" " " Miss Mary James	25.00
	" " " Ro. S. Quarles Clerks fee	3.50
1891		
Jany 27	To Commissioner on $630.05	31.50
"	" Commissioners fee	6.00
	Balance	101.63
		$630.05

1889	Cr.	
Dec	By amount of Appraisement after deducting widows exemptions	118.25
" 17	" Cash Collected from M. Phelps	12.00
" 20	" " " from Sale of 5 Head of young cattle	90.00
25	" " " from Jas Brown	106.00
1890		
Feby 22	" " " Same	60.00
June 13	" " " M. Phelps	56.00
July 5	" " " J. Brown	47.80
Dec 26	" " " Same	140.00
		$630.05

Statement

1891		
Jany 27	By Balance due Estate	101.63

Mrs. J. K L. P. Wright
In account with Jos P. Wright Jr. adm'r. of James K. P. Wright deceased

1889	Dr	
Dec	To Cash	118.25

1890		
Apil 5 "	"	20.00
1891		
Jany 1	" "	6.00
		$144.25

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By 1/3 of $118.25	39.41
Balance due admr.	104.84
	$144.25

Statement

The Inventory and Appraisement of the estate of James K L. P. Wright deceased, after being corrected by The Commissioner of Accounts

5 Head of young cattle	90.00
1 Jersey Wagon	8.00
2 Shovel Plows	.50
1 Old Plow	.25
5 Bee Stands	3.00
1 Bureau	5.00
1 Bed and Bedding	4.00
1 Old Chest	.50
1 Clock	2.50
1 Trumble bed	1.00
1 Trunk	.75
1 Set of chairs	2.00
1 Table	.50
1 Axe	.25
	$118.25

W. W. Berry, Com'r.
Per W. M. Quarles

Commissioners Office
Bedford City March 6th, 1891.

To the County Court of Bedford County;

Your Commissioner reports to the Court, that on the 27th day of January 1891, Jos. P. Wright Jr. the Administrator of James K. P. Wright deceased, exhibited before your Commissioner a statement of all money which he, the said Jos. P. Wright Jr. had received or became chargeable with, or had disbursed, together with the vouchers for such disbursement. This the Commissioner embraced the

said Administrator in the list of fiduciaries, whose accounts were before him for settlement, which was posted at the front door of the Court House of said County, on the first day of February Court last, and on the date of this report (ten days having since elapsed), has made up and Completed the foregoing account of the said Jos. P. Wright Jr. administrator as aforesaid. The account is supported by satisfactory vouchers, and is herewith returned. Your Commissioner further reports to the Court, that he has examined whether the said Administrator has given such bond as the law requires, and whether it is in a penalty, and with securities sufficient, and finds the same to be unobjectionable and fully sufficient. Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accounts of the said Court, on the day and year as aforesaid.

W. W. Berry, Comr of Accts
County Court of Bedford

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 10th, 1891

This Settlement of the Account Current of Joseph P. Wright Jr. Administrator of J. K. P. Wright deceased was this day filed in said Office, for exceptions.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court, May 25th 1891.

This Settlement of the Account of Joseph P. Wright Jr. Administrator of J. K. P. Wright deceased having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 23, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 28/137 Joseph P. Wright, Jr., filed a further accounting for the estate of James K. P. Wright:

"The Estate of James K P Wright deceased
In account with Joseph P Wright Jr, His Administrator

		Debits
1891		
Jany 27	To Cash Paid Wm M Quarles drawing deed	1.00
"	" " " Mrs J. K. P. Wright April 5th 1890 and not brought in other set'ment	20.00

29	" " " Squire Gunn Justices fees	1.50	
Feby 4	" " " Dave Carrall, a compromise (under a deed of trust)	5.00	
April 13	" " " Mrs James K P Wright	46.00	
" 30	" " " Taxes for 1890	13.59	
Dec 18	" " " Joel Wheeler for Nancy A Corley	25.00	
"	" " " Same, Interest on bond	4.50	
1892			
Jany 5	" " " Miss Mary James, bal on bond	56.00	
" 25	" " " Mrs J K P Wright	100.00	
Feby 23	" " " Commissioners fee bill	4.50	
"	" " Reserved for recording this a/c	1.82	
"	" Commissions on $288.50 @ 5%	14.42	
	Balance	6.80	.70
		$300.13	.70

Credits

1891				
Jany 27	By Balance due Estate as per settlement of this date, and recorded in Will Book "No 27 Page 87	$101.63		
	Less this amt charged twice (5 Head of Cattle $90.00)	90.00	11.63	
	" Interest on $11.63 1 Year			.70
April 13	" Cash from James H Brown, on bond		100.00	
1892				
Jany 5	" " " Same " "		50.00	
" 25	" " " Same " "		109.00	
" "	" " " Mrs. J K P Wright		29.50	
			$300.13	.70
1892				
Feby 23	By Balance due the Estate		$ 6.80	.70

Commissioners Office
Bedford City Va, April 7th 1892

The foregoing account was this day made up and compleated, the vouchers are satisfactory, and the bond sufficient, the name of the Admr was embraced in the list of Fiduciaries posted at the front door of the Court House at its last Term, (ten days having since elapsed) said account is herewith returned Given under my hand, as Commissioner of accounts of Bedford County Court.

W. W. Berry Coms of Accts of
Bedford County Court

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office, April 7th 1892.

This settlement of the account current of Joseph P Wright Jr Administrator of James K P Wright deceased, was this day filed in said Office for exceptions.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C

At Bedford County Court, May 23rd 1892.

This settlement of the account current of Joseph P Wright Jr Administrator of James K P Wright deceased having been in the Clerks Office of this Court more than one month was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C"

On September 24, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/525 Susan Wright and her children sold the riparian rights to 250 acres of land to the Vinton Roanoke Water Company:

"This Deed made this 24th day of September, 1898, by and between Susan Wright, I. J. Wright, J. P. Wright, O. H. Wright, Page Wright, Russel Wright and Mary Wright parties of the first part, and the Vinton Roanoke Water Company party of the second part:

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of $25.00/100 payable as follows, to wit: 5.00 payable Jany 1 - 1899 & the residue payable in monthly installments of $5.00 per month until paid - a vendor's lien being hereby retained to secure same - does grant, bargain, sell and convey, with covenants of general warranty of title, all their riparian interests of every kind and description in and to that certain tributary of Sandy Run, commonly known as Falling Creek - which said creek rises in Bakers Cove, Bedford City, Va. and flows into Sandy Run at or about the property of V. F. Meador, hereby granting to the said party of the second part, the right to divert said stream as it may see fit, which stream flows upon the lands of the parties of the first part which land is decribed as follows: being about 250 acre more or less & being the same land conveyed to J. K. P. Wright now deceased by J. P. Wright Sr the said Susan Wright being the widow

of said Wright & the others being the children of said Wright - Witness the following signatures and seals of the parties, the day and year first above written.

Witnessed by
A. Blair Antrim
E. L. Wright

Susan Wright
I. J. Wright
J. P. Wright
Mary Wright
Page Wright
Russell Wright
O. H. Wright

Virginia
City of Roanoke, To-Wit:

I, S. S. Brooks, Clerk of the Hustings Court for the City of Roanoke, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that A. Blair Antrim and E. L. Wright both personally appeared before me in my City aforesaid, and being first duly sworn made oath that the deed hereto annexed executed by Susan Wright, I. J. Wright, J. P. Wright, O. H. Wright, Page Wright, Russell Wright and Mary Wright to the Vinton-Roanoke Water Company dated September 24th 1898 was signed and acknowledged by them, the said Susan Wright, I. J. Wright J. P. Wright, O. H. Wright, Page Wright, Russell Wright and Mary Wright in their presence. Given under my hand this 29th day of September 1898

S. S. Brooke,
Clerk of the Hustings Court
for the City of Roanoke

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 5th 1898.

This Deed from Susan Wright, I. J. Wright, J. P. Wright, O H Wright Page Wright, Russell Wright and Mary Wright to the Vinton-Roanoke Water Company, conveying riparian rights was produced in said Office, with certificate of proof of its acknowledgment annexed and being stamped according to law, is admitted to record

(Tax 50¢ Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C.

Five canceled checks for $5.00 each, dated, respectively, February 9th, 1899, February 24th, 1899, March 3rd 1899, April 5th 1899, and June 1st, 1899, signed "A Blair Antrim Secretary", one payable to Susan Wright & children, and the others to Susan Wright et als; and five receipts to the Vinton Roanoke Water Company for $5.00 each, two of them without date and the others dated,

respectively February 20th, 1899, (the day of the month not certain) March 13th, 1899, and June 1st, 1899, three of them signed Susan Wright et als by O. H. Wright" one signed "Susan Wright" and one signed "O. H. Wright" were this day produced to me, and the certificate of release of the Vendor's lien retained in the annexed Deed was signed in my presence

January 9th, 1907 Teste,
C. C Keeth, D.C

See authority for the release filed with the papers of March Term, 1907"

This record identifies the family of James K. Polk Wright as follows:

Wife: Susan (____) Wright

Children:
1) I. J. Wright,
2) J. P. Wright,
3) O. H. Wright,
4) Page Wright,
5) Russel Wright, and
6) Mary Wright.

On December 2, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/345 Bettie Wright and other heirs of Isaac James sold certain parcels of land to Nancy A. Baker:

"This deed made and entered into this the 2d day of Dec 1899 between Mary E. James, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson, parties of the 1st part, and Nancy A. Baker party of the 2d part, all being legl heirs of the late Isaac James deceased, and residing near Stewartsville Va And whereas the entire landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, and one interest in the same being valued at $1189.60. And whereas Mary E. James one of the parties of the 1st part, having paid out of her own private funds $282.60 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by parties 1st part to Nancy A. Baker to equalize their shares in said real estate, and whereas certain lots or parcels of land having been allotted in said division to Nancy A. Baker, total valuation of which is $907.00 including lot at Vinton valued at $25.00 The parties of the 1st part do grant and convey by general waranty to the party of the 2d part the two following lots or parcels of land, 1st Lot No 3 in the division of said land, situated on the south side of Bedford Co. Va. on Beaver Dam Creek adjoining lots No 2, 4 & 5 in the division of said real estate the survey of which is as follows, begining at the ford of the Creek, near the mill S 43° West, as road meanders, 18.24 poles - thence South 65° East 20 poles - thence South 29° West 25 poles - thence South 15° East 8 poles - thence north 70° West 28.72

poles - thence South 81° W. 18 poles, thence South 68° West 16 poles - thence South 27-1/2° East 131 poles, thence South 52° East 35 poles thence South 37° West 20 poles, thence South 3° East 10 poles - thence South 1 West 21 poles to a Red oak, off from the road between lots 3 and 4 - thence North 56-1/2° East 34.64 poles, to a chestnut on the side of an old road - thence North 71° East 23.48 poles, to a dead Black oak, thence North 67-1/2° East 25.72 poles to a small chestnut - thence South 69° East 38.52 poles to a Pine and Maple - thence North 54° East crossing Creek to West's line 51 poles, to a small chinquapin bush - thence North 61° West 8 poles thence North 11° East 80 poles to a small Dogwood - thence South 78° West 19.32 poles, thence South 11° West 9 poles, thence South 10° West 12 poles - thence South 40° West 26 poles, to the Creek, thence as the creek meanders north 56° West 22 poles - thence North 66° West 23 poles to the begining the same in all containing 48 Acres, 2 Roods and 2 Poles as surveyed by S. H. Dooley and valued in said division at $582.00. Secondly the lot upon which the party of the 2d part now resides and situated on the West side of the road leading from Stewartsville to Sandy Ford, and comprising lots Nos 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, also a lot containing 8 acres, as surveyed by Tomas A Jeter, all containing 25 acres, 1 Rood and 37 poles as surveyed by S. H. Dooley and valued to party of the 2d part in said division at $300: said lots of land adjoining the land of J. C. Dickinson M. E. Church lot, the Howel road, the lot of Sam Beard, the land of W. W. Bassham, and W. L. Baker

The parties of the 1st part covenant and agree with party of the 2d part, that she shall have and hold the lands above described will all appurtenances thereto attached forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals the day and date above mentioned.

Mary E. James
Bettie Wright
Pocahontas James
Sallie F. Dickinson

State of Va. Bedford Co. to wit

I J. S. Markham a Notary Public in said County and State of Virginia aforesaid do certify that Mary E. James, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F Dickinson whose names are signed to the foregoing writing dated Dec 2d 1899, have personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same to be their own signatures and seals.

Given under my hand this the 14th day of December 1899

J. S. Markham N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 23rd, 1899.

This Deed from Mary E. James, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson, heirs of Isaac James, deceased, to Nancy A. Baker, conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, stamped with One Dollar United States Internal Revenue Stamp, canceled, and certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On December 2, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/346 Bettie Wright and other heirs of Isaac James sold 70 acres of land to Sallie F. Dickinson:

"This deed made and entered into this the 2d day of December 1899 between Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright and Pocahontas James, the same being heirs at law of the late Isaac James deceased, parties of the 1st part and Sallie F. Dickinson, also an heir at law of the said Isaac James, party of the 2d part all of Stewartsville, Bedford Co. Va. Witnesseth - that whereas the landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, one interest in the same according to valuation amounted to $1189.60, and in order to equalize the shares of each, Pocahontas James one of the parties of the 1st part has this day paid over in cash out of her own personal funds to Sallie F. Dickinson, party of the second part $343.60 to equalize Sallie F. Dickinsons share in said real estate.

The parties of the 1st part do grant and convey, by general warranty, unto the party of the 2d part all of a certain lot or parcel of land situated near Stewartsville, Bedford Co. Va. on Beaver Dam Creek being part of the lands formerly owned by the late Isaac James and known as lot No 4 in the division of said land, and containing 70 acres, 2 roods and 15 poles, and valued in the division of the said landed estate of the late Isaac James at $846.00. The same adjoining the land allotted to Nancy A. Baker, in the same division, the lands of George L. and I. J West, and the lot of T. H. Bowles; the survey of which is as follows, begining at a Red oak on the road leading to Sandy Ford, near Wm Bakers gate, thence North 56-1/2° East 34.64 poles to a Chestnut on the side of the road, thence North 71° East 23.48 poles to a dead Black oak, thence North 67-1/2° East 25.72 poles to a small chestnut, thence South 69° East 38.52 poles to a pine and maple - thence north 54° East, crossing creek to West's line 51 poles, thence South 61° East on West's line 28 poles to the corner, thence South crossing Creek at 44 poles in all 96 poles to main road leading to

Chamblissburg, thence as said road meanders South 82-1/2° West 41.28 poles, thnce North 80° West 26 poles, thence South 83° East 18 poles, thence North 25° West 4 poles to Red Oak at School House lot, thence North 78-1/2° West 14.41 poles, thence South 11° West 11.24 poles, thence North 89° West 6 poles to a chestnut at Blacksmith shop, thence north 53-1/2° West 23.88 poles to a Chestnut at Bowles' stable, thnce South 9.41 poles, thnce North 18° East 10 poles, thence north 10° West 17 poles to the begining at Red oak.

The parties of the first part do covenant and agree that the party of the 2d part shall have and hold the above described land, with all appurtenances thereto attached forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals this the above day and date as written.

Mary E. James
Nancy A Baker
Bettie Wright
Pocahontas James

State of Va Bedford Co to wit;

I J. S. Markham a notary Public in & for the county aforesaid and in State of Va. do certify that Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright and Pocahontas James, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of Dec 2d 1899, personally appeared before me in said County, and acknowledged the same to be their own signatures and seals. Given under my hand this the 14th day of December 1899

Jacob S. Markham N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 23rd, 1899.

This Deed from Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright and Pocahontas James, heirs of Isaac James, deceased, to Sallie F. Dickinson, conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, stamped with One Dollar United States Internal Revenue stamp, canceled, and certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On December 2, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/348 Bettie Wright and other heirs of Isaac James sold 59 acres of land to Mary E. James:

"This deed made and entered into this the 2nd day of December 1899 between Nancy A Baker, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James, and Sallie F Dickinson the same being heirs at law of the late Isaac James Deceased, parties of the 1st part and Mary E. James, also an heir at law of the said Isaac James, party of the 2nd part, all of Stewartsville Bedford Co. Va. Witnesseth that whereas the landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, one interest in the same amounted to $1189.60, and in order to equalise the shares of each, Mary E. James party of the 2nd part hath this day paid over in cash out of her own personal funds to Nancy A Baker one of the party of the 1st part $282.60 to equalize Nancy A Baker's share in said real estate, Mary E James, hath also, paid over in cash out of her own personal funds to Bettie Wright, one of the party of 1st part $61.80 it being the amount Mary E James was due Bettie Wright to equalize Bettie Wright's share in said real estate. The receipts of the above amounts are hereby acknowledged. Pocahontas James is to have right of way along the lane from her barn to the public road. The parties of the 1st part do grant and convey by general warrenty unto the party of 2nd part all of a certain parcel or lot of land situated near Stewartsville, Bedford Co. Va. on Beaver Dam Creek, being part of the land formerly owned by the late Isaac James and Known as lot No. 2 or house lot in the division of said land and containing 59 acres, and valued, in the division of said landed estate of the late Isaac James at $1534.00 The same adjoining the land of Pocahontas James and Nancy A. Baker in the same division, and the land of Samuel Harris.

The survey of which is as follows, Begining at ford of creek in road and as road meanders S 43 W. 18.24 poles thence S 65 E 20 poles thence S 29 W 25 poles thence S 15 E 8 poles thence S 31 W 34.72 poles thence N 70 W 30 poles to the old road thence S 81 W 18 poles thence S 68 W 16 poles to outside line on road thence N 35 W 115 poles to Harris' gate at pine thence N 29 E 48 poles thence S 65.50 E 46 poles to dead poplar, thence S 42 E 14 poles to stake in branch thence N 67 E 28 poles to persimmon at stone wall thence S 35 E 17 poles to stake in barn yard thence N 47 E 21.90 poles to near mill race thence S 52 E 11.22 poles to shoot at mill race thence S 5-1/2° E 13.28 poles to the begining at ford of creek

The parties of the 1st part do covenant and agree that the party of the 2nd part shall have and hold the above described land with all appurtinances attached thereto forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals this the above day and date as written.

Nancy A. Baker
Bettie Wright
Pocahontas James
Sallie F Dickinson

State of Va. Bedford Co. to wit,

I J. S. Markham a notary public for said County in State of Virginia do certify that Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument of writing dated Dec 2d 1899 have personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same to be their own signatures and seals

Given under my hand this the 14th day of December 1899

J S Markham N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 23rd, 1899.

This Deed from Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson, heirs of Isaac James, deceased, to Mary E James, conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, stamped with Two Dollars United States Internal Revenue Stamps canceled, and certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On December 2, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/349 Bettie Wright and other heirs of Isaac James sold 69 acres of land to Pochahantas James:

"This deed made and entered into this the 2d day of December 1899, between Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright and Sallie F. Dickinson parties of the first part, and Pocahontas James party of the 2d part - all being heirs at law of the late Isaac James deceased and of Stewartsville Bedford Co. Va.

Witnesseth that whereas the entire landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, and one interest in the same, according to valuation, amounts to $1189.60: and whereas the party of the 2d part has this day paid over to Sallie F. Dickinson $343.60 out of her own personal funds to equalize their shears, and also to Bettie Wright $10.80 towards equalizing their shares in said real estate of the aforesaid Isaac James. The parties of the 1st

part do grant and convey by general waranty to the party of the 2d part the following lot or parcel of land situated on the South side of Bedford Co. on Beaver Dam Creek near Stewartsville, being part of the land formerly owned by the aforesaid Isaac James, Known as lot No 1 in the division of said real estate containing 69 acres and 37 poles, valued in the division of said real estate at $1544.00

The parties of the 1st part reserve the family grave yard to the amount of 2 Roods and 37 poles, also the right of way to and from the same. The aforesaid lot No 1 lies adjoing the lands of S. P. Haris, Saml Waldron, George L. West and the lots assiged to Bettie Wright and Mary E. James in the division of said real estate. The survey of which is as follows: begining at a point on the road leading to Sandy Ford on George L. West's line, thence as the said road meanders South 15° West 4 poles, thence South 80° West 8 poles, thence South 45° West 14 poles, thnce South 32° West 10 poles to a small branch crossing the road, thence South 88 West 10 poles, thence south 67° West crossing the creek at 13 poles in all 17 poles to a small apple tree, thence South 47-1/2° West 13 poles to a Hickory thence South 4° East 15.28 poles to a walnut, thence South 47° West 29.91 poles to a stake in Barnyard, thence North 35° West crossing branch at 16 poles in all 17 poles to a Persimon at Stone Wall, thence South 67° West 28 poles to a stake in branch, thence North 42-1/2° West 14 poles to a dead Popular in hollow, thence North 65-1/2° West up the hollow 46 poles to outside line, at a fence thence 27° East 10 poles thence North 37-1/2° East 34.28 poles to Waldron's corner, thence North 77° East 15.48 poles, thence North 27° East 53.81 poles to a Chestnut in Waldron & West's line, thence South 70° East 118.64 poles to Beaver Dam Creek in all 120.64 poles to the begining.

Witness the following signatures and seals this the day and date as above written

Mary E. James
Nancy A Baker
Bettie Wright
Sallie F. Dickinson

State of Va. Bedford Co to wit

I J. S. Markham a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Mary E. James, Nancy A Baker, Bettie Wright and Sallie F. Dickinson whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date of Dec 2d 1899, personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same to be their own signatures and seals

Given under my hand this 14th day of Decr 1899

J S. Markham N.P

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 23rd, 1899

This Deed from Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Bettie Wright and Sallie F. Dickinson, heirs of Isaac James, deceased, to Pocahontas James conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, stamped with Two Dollars, United States Internal Revenue stamps, canceled, and certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C"

On December 2, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/350 the heirs of Isaac James sold 50 acres of land to Bettie Wright:

"This deed made and entered into this the 2d day of December 1899, between Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson parties of the 1st Part and Bettie Wright party of the 2d part, all being legal heirs of the late Isaac James deceased and living at Stewartsville Bedford Co Va. Witnesseth, that whereas the entire landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, and one interest in the same, according to valuation, amounts to $1189.60, and whereas Pocahontas James has this day paid out of her own personal funds $10.80 and Mary E. James $61.80, they being parties of the first part, to Bettie Wright, party of the 2d part, in order to equalize her share in said landed estate according to valuation; the parties of the 1st part do grant and convey to the party of the 2d part by general waranty the following lot or parcel of land situated on the South side of Bedford Co. Va. on Beaver Dam Creek, near Stewartsville, the same Known as the Mill tract, and lot No 5 in the division of the land of the late Isaac James, containing 50 acres, 3 Roods and 15 poles, valued in the division of said real estate, at $1117.00, the survey of which is as follows, Begining at a point on the road leading to Sandy Ford at George L. West; line, thence as said road meanders South 15° West 4 poles, thence South 80 West 8 poles - thence South 45° West 14 poles - thence South 32° West 10 poles, to a small branch thence South 88° West 10 poles, thence South 67° West crossing Beaver Dam Creek at 13 poles in all 17 poles to a small apple tree, thence South 47-1/2° West 13 poles to a hickory, thence South 4° East 15.28 poles to a walnut. The foregoing line is the dividing line between Bettie Wright and Pocahontas James, thence South 12° East 11 poles to a stake, thence South 52° East 11.32 poles to chute of mill race - thence South 5-1/2° West 13.28 poles to an apple tree at corner of shop, thence South 66° East 23 poles to a Sycamore on bank of creek, thence South 56° East 22 poles, thence off from Creek North 40° East 26 poles to a stone pile in hollow,

thence North 10° East 12 poles to a small apple tree, thence North 11° East 9 poles to a stake in hollow, thence North 78° East 19.32 poles to a small dogwood on outside line, thence north 11° East 16 poles to a chestnut at the corner of West, Barton & James line, thence with Barton's line along an old road North 17-1/2° East 37.40 poles - thence North 26° East, 20 poles to a chestnut, corner of West & Barton's line - thence with West's line off from road South 80° West 60 poles to the begining.

The parties of the 1st part covenant and agree with party of 2d part, that the party of the 2d part is to have the proceeds of the sale of water wrigh made by the late Isaac James to the Vinton Water Company. In the event that the Vinton Water Co. fails to take the water as purchased from the late Isaac James, in no case shall party of the 2d part have recourse on parties of the 1st part

In Witnesses whereof the parties of the first part hereunto attach their signatures and seals.

Mary E. James
Nancy A Baker
Pocahontas James
Sallie F. Dickinson

State of Va Bedford Co to wit

I J S. Markham a Notary Public in and for said County do certify that Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Pocahontas James and Sallie F Dickinson whose names are signed to the foregoing writing dated Dec 2d 1899, have personally appeared before me in said County and acknowledged the same to be their own signatures and seals.

Given under my hand this the 14th day of December 1899

J. S. Markham N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, December 23rd, 1899.

This Deed from Mary E. James, Nancy A. Baker, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickinson, heirs of Isaac James, deceased, to Bettie Wright, conveying real estate, being produced in said Office, stamped with One Dollar and Fifty Cents United States Internal Revenue stamps, canceled, and certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On December 2, 1899, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 21/96 Bettie Wright joined other heirs of Isaac James to sell Lot 16 in the Town of Vinton to Nancy R. Baker:

> "This Deed, made and entered into this the 2d day of Dec. 1899, between Mary E. James, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James, and Sallie F. Dickinson, parties of the first part, and Nancy R. Baker, party of the 2d part, all being legal heirs of the late Isaac James, deceased, and residing at or near Stewartsville, Bedford Co. Va.
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> Witnesseth: That Whereas the landed estate of the late Isaac James having been divided and assessed, and a certain lot situated at Vinton, Roanoke Co. Va. having been allotted to the party of the 2d part, and valued at $25.00 as a part of her interest in the aforesaid landed estate, the parties of the 1st part do grant and convey to party of the 2d part, the above mentioned lot by R. H Gartwright and Fannie L. Garth wright, his wife to said Isaac James on the 15th day of June, 1892; and known as lot No. 16 in Section 11, as shown on map of the Aetna Land & Investment Comp. said lot lying and being in the town Vinton, Roanoke Co., Va., said lot fronting on Cedar Street, and begining at a point 100 feet from South east corner of Sec. 11, thence with lot No. 17, North 1° 41' East 130 feet to an alley thence with said alley North 88° 19' West 50 feet to lot No. 15, thence with said lot South 1° 41' West one hundred and thirty feet (130 ft.) to Cedar Street, thence with said street South 88° 19' East 50 feet to begining.
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> The parties of the 1st part covenant and agree with the party of the 2d part that she shall have and hold the same by special warranty, and all appurtenances thereto attached forever.
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> Witness the following signatures and seal this the day and year above written.
>
> Mary E. James
> Bettie Wright
> Pocahontas James
> Sallie F. Dickinson
>
> State of Virginia,)
> Bedford County,) to wit:
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> I, J. S. Markham, a Notary Public in and for said County, do certify that Mary E. James, Bettie Wright, Pocahontas James and Sallie F. Dickerson, whose names are signed to the above writing, bearing date 2nd Decr. 1899 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and acknowledge the same to be their signatures and seals.

Given under my hand this 14th day of Decr. 1899.

J. S. Markham, N.P.

In the Clerk's office of the County Court for the County of Roanoke, the 6th day of January, 1900, this deed was presented, and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Thos. I. Preston, D.C."

The tombstone of "Bettie James, wife of J. K. Polk Wright" is located at the Mays Memorial Church Cemetery, Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following:

"Bettie James
w of J K Polk Wright
Jan 1, 1848
Jun 21, 1923"

The will of Susan Wright was dated on May 14, 1923, probated on February 15, 1929, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 39/256, and provided as follows:

"I, Susan Wright, of the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First That Otho H. Wright, shall have all the real estate including the mill, and that the said Otho H. Wright shall pay to I. J. Wright, Joseph P. Wright, Mary A. Meador, Robert P. Wright, Russell P. Wright and Randolph Wright the sum of Two Hundred Fifty ($250.00) Dollars each, said amount to be paid one year after my death, except Randolph's which is to be placed in bank or some safe securety which will draw interest which must be coumpounded yearly and paid to him at the age of 21 years the full amount.

Second. That all my other property to be divided equally.

In Witness Whereof, I, Susan Wright, have to this my last will and testament, set my hand and seal, this the 14, day of May 1923. I. J. Wright to have one hundred dollars in addition to above.

Mrs. Susan Wright.

Signed, sealed, published and acknowledged by the said Susan Wright, as for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, and at her request, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses thereof.

W. H. Cox J. P.
M. L. Mitchell
G. W. Blankenship

Virginia, Bedford Co. to wit:

I W. H. Cox a Justice of the Peace in and for the Co & state aforesaid, certify that Mrs. Susan Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date May 14, 1923 personally appeared before me in my county and acknowledged the same being of her own free will and accord.

Given under my hand May 14, 1923.

W. H. Cox J.P.
Justice of the Peace.

Virginia:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Feb. 15th 1929.

This paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Susan Wright, deceased, was this day produced in said office: and thereupon, W. H. Cox, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, appeared in said office, and being by me first duly sworn, testified that said paper writing was signed and acknowledged by the said Susan Wright, the testatrix, as and for her last will and testament, in his presence and in the presence of M. L. Mitchell and G. W. Blankenship, the other subscribing witnesses thereto, all being present together at the same time, and that the said paper writing was signed by the said witnesses in the presence of the said Susan Wright and of each other, and at the request of the said Susan Wright the testatrix.

Whereupon the said paper writing is admitted to probate and record as the true last will and testament of Susan Wright, deceased.

Teste:
V. W. Nichols, Clerk."

This record identifies the children of James Knox Polk Wright and Susan or Bettie (James) Wright as follows:

1) Otho H. Wright,

2) I. J. Wright,

3) Joseph P. Wright

4) Mary A. (Wright) Meador,

5) Robert P. Wright, and

6) Russell P. Wright

Since Randolph Wright had been born after 1902, he was probably a grandchild, but further research will be required to identify this person.

In her email dated February 21, 1999, Kathleen Akers enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Knox Polk Wright was a son of Joseph Pate Wright, was born on December 25, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Susan Elizabeth "Betty" James in 1870 at Bedford County, Virginia, died on August 22, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the family cemetery near the intersection of Routes 619 and 24, Bedford County, Vriginia, and that James Knox Polk Wright and Susan Elizabeth (James) Wright had the following children:

1) Isaac James Wright, born on May 10, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Otha Herbert Wright, born on September 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Joseph Pate Wright, born on April 23, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Mary Adeline "Addie" (Wright) Meador, born on October 12, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Robert Page Wright, born on November 2, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) Sallie B. Wright, born on January 4, 1887, and

7) Russell Polk Wright, born on March 31, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia.

vi. Virginia Benson Wright

Virginia Benson Wright was a daughter of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Virginia B. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and her age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed V. B. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and her age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Virginia B. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and her age as 33 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of Virginia Benson Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Virginia Benson Wright
December 14, 1846
November 11, 1892"

vii. <u>1913 Joseph Pate Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Cornelia Ann Elizabeth (Powell) Wright, And His Descendants</u>

1913 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Right in the Joseph P. Right household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. P. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and his age as 11 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. J. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and his age as 21 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

On December 21, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 46/95 Joseph P. Wright, Jr. purchased 600 acres of land from James K. P. Wright:

"This deed made this 21st day of December 1870, Between James K P Wright of the first part & Joseph P Wright Jr of the Second part Witnesseth; That in consideration of the Sum of Three thousand five hundred Dollars, The said James K P Wright doth grant unto the said Joseph P Wright Jr With general warranty a tract of land containing Six hundred acres to be the Same more or less adjoining and bounded by the lands of Philip R Moomaw, S G Stewart & others, Said tract being the whole of the land bought by the Said James K P Wright & Stephen W Wright, of Joseph P Wright Sen, with the exception of the lands known as the Siner, & Ridgeway farms. The Said James K P Wright covenants with the Said Joseph P Wright Jr that he Shall have quiet possession of Said land free from all persons whatsoever. Witness the following Signature & Seal

James K. P. Wright

State of Va county of Bedford to wit:

I Abner Howell Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, in the State of Va do certify that James K P Wright, whose name is Signed to the Writing above, bearing date on the 21" day of Dec 1870 hath acknowledged the Same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 21" day of Dec 1870

Abner Howell JP

In Bedford County Court January 23rd 1872

This Deed from James K. P. Wright to Joseph P. Wright Jr. conveying real estate, was produced in Court, stamped with Three dollars and fifty cents, United States Internal Revenue stamp, cancelled according to law, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 24, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 51/327 Joseph P. Wright, Jr., sold 200 acres of land to M. America Kemper and children, subject to certain restrictions:

"This Deed made March 24th 1876 between Joseph P. Wright Jr of the first part & M. America Kemper of the second part, Witnesseth, That in consideration of Fifteen hundred dollars, the said Joseph P. Wright Jr. doth this day sell and

convey with general warranty unto the said M. A. Kemper & to her children free from the claims of her husband Geo. E. Kemper, except as herein set forth) the tract of land known as the Asbury farm containing 200 acres be the same more or less, being the whole of said farm except about 2 acres lying South of Wrights Spring branch & West of the Asbury Spring branch, the said tract of land is bounded by the lands of Philip R. Moomaw, S. G. Stewart & others, should the said M. A. Kemper die and leave no children or if any & they die before they become 21 years of age, the said land is to be returned to said Joseph P. Wright Jr with the exceptions hereinafter set forth, whereas Geo. E. Kemper his this day executed his bond for five hundred dollars dated March 24th 1876 bearing interest from this date payable to the said Joseph P. Wright Jr for which a lien is hereby retained on said land. It is hereby agreed that in case the said land is returned to said Wright under the provisions of this deed, should the said Geo. E. Kemper have paid the aforesaid bond & built any houses on said land he is to have a lien on said land, both for the said Five hundred dollars & the value of such houses as he may build on same. Witness the following signature and seal.

Joseph P. Wright Jr.

State of Virginia, Bedford County, to wit.

I S. G. Stewart a notary public for the County aforesaid do certify that Joseph P. Wright Jr whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date March 24th 1876 came before me & acknowledged the same. Given under my hand March 25th 1876.

S. G. Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office January 25th 1879.

This Deed from Joseph P. Wright Jr. to M. America Kemper conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S Quarles C.B.C."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph P. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and his age as 31 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

The marriage record of Joseph P. Wright and Cornelia A. Powell was dated on April 5, 1882, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Joseph P. Wright and Cornelia A. Powell

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 30th day of March 1882

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, 1882 April 5th
Place of Marriage, Bedford Co. Va.
Full Names of Parties Married, Jos P. Wright & Cornelia A. Powell
Age of Husband, 33 years
Age of Wife, 31 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Franklin Co. Va.
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Names of Husband's Parents, Joseph P. & Elizabeth H. Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, L. H. & Elizabeth N. Powell
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 30th day of March 1882

R. J. Quarles, Clerk

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify, That on the 5th day of April 1882, at Residence L. H. Powell, Bedford Co., Va, I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

James W. Compton"

The birth record of Hubert P. Wright was dated on January 29, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Hubert P. Wright
Date of Birth:	January 29, 1883
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	Joseph P. Jr & Cornelia Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of Joseph F. Wright was dated on February 23, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Joseph F. Wright
Date of Birth:	February 23, 1884
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	Joseph P. Jr. & Cornelia Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On May 8, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/296 Joseph P. Wright, Jr., purchased 100, acres of land from P. B. Burks, as commissioner:

"This deed made this the 8th day of May, 1884, between P. B. Burks Comr. as herein after mentioned of the one part and Joseph P. Wright Jr. of the other part: whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County pronounced on the 3rd day of March, 1881, in the Chancery cause of Sale vs Kemper &c it was adjudged ordered & decreed that M. P. Burks & P. B. Burks who were thereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose should sell the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned or so much thereof as should be necessary to pay the debt in the Bill & proceedings & the cost of the suit with liberty for both of either of said Comrs to act: & P B Burks did afterwards to wit on the 15th day of July 1881, offer a portion of said land for sale said boundary so offered supposed to contain one hundred acres and at said sale Joseph P Wright being the Highest

bidder became the purchaser at $700.00 which sale was afterwards to wit by a decree entered in said cause on the 1st day of September, 1881, duly confirmed. And whereas it appearing to the Court from the report of P B Burks Recr. that the said Joseph P. Wright Jr. had completed the payment of all of the purchase money for the tract of land heretofore reported as sold to him it was by a decree entered in said cause on the 7th day of December 1883, adjudged, ordered & decreed that P B Burks who was thereby a commissioner for that purpose should convey said Tract of land to the said Joseph P. Wright Jr. or to whom he might appoint by proper deed with special warranty & at the costs of the grantee: Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises & of Five dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged & in execution of said last named decree the said P B Burks as Commissioner as aforesaid doth grant & convey unto the said Joseph P. Wright, Jr. the tract of land aforesaid, with Special warranty, containing one hundred acres more or less, & bounded as appears from the report of P B Burks Comr in said suit as follos. Beginning at a point on the Eastern boundary of the tract in the Bill mentioned on the Road from Stewartsville to Philip Moormans line thence across to the Western boundary of said land to the line of Joseph P. Wright Jr. running off a line parallel to the line which bounds the South side of the tract in the Bill mentioned (Moormans line) cutting of what is supposed to be one hundred acres from the South side of said Tract. The metes and bounds, courses & distances of said one hundred acres as appears from a survey made by P. L. Huddleton [missing line] & gum pointers in a lane S 27-3/4 W 126.36 poles to Moormans corner thence N 62-1/2 W 83.32 poles to a branch thence up the branch to the folk N 32 E. 6 poles. Thence up J Wrights spring branch N 20 W 14.24 poles to stake, Thence N 30 W 18 poles to pointer, sassafras, Thence leaving the branch N 6 E 62 poles to a stake on a ridge, thence up the ridge N 33-1/4 W 17.52 poles to a large pine Thence N. 11-1/2 E 27.28 poles to a poplar on a branch, thence N. 7-1/4 W 9.72 poles to a stake, thence S. 62-1/2 E. 157.72 poles to the beginning

For a more accurate & particular description of which reference may be had to the Bill & proceedings in the said suit of Sale vs Kemper &c. in the Circuit Court of Bedford County. Witness the following signature & seal

P. B. Burks Comr.

In Bedford County Court July 28th 1884

This Deed from P. B. Burks Commissioner to Joseph P. Wright Jr. conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said P. B. Burks Commissioner, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Saml. H. Quarles D.Clk."

The birth record of Robert A. Wright was dated on January 13, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Robert A. Wright
Date of Birth:	January 13, 1885
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	Joseph P. Jr & Cornelia Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On June 29, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 63/527 Joseph P. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James H. and Julina Brown to secure a debt due to James K. P. Wright.

The birth record of Emma M. Wright, daughter of J. P. and Caroline Wright, was dated on November 2, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name of Child:	Emma M. Wright
Date of Birth:	November 2, 1889
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	J. P. & Caroline Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On March 8, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 64/307 Joseph P. Wright, Jr., acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Enos Stoddard and Etna N. Stoddard to secure a debt due to Thomas B. Board.

On September 20, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 2/295 Joseph P. Wright executed a deed of trust to F. H. Gish as to a lot of land in Vinton to secure a debt due to J. H. Hunter:

"This Deed made the 20th day of Sept in the year 1890, Between J P Wright of Stewartsvill, Bedford County, Va. party of the first part and F H. Gish party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That said party of the first part, doth grant unto the said party of the second part, the following property, to-wit: One certain lot in the town of Vinton, County of Roanoke and State of Va, said lot known as lot No 3 in Sec 12 as shown on map of the Aetna Land & Investment Company's land, said lot fronting on Grove Street N. 88° 19' W from Lot 4 to 2 Fifty feet, thence with lot no 2 to an alley S 10 41° E one hundred and thirty (130) feet, thence with said alley S 88° 19° W from Lot No 2 to Lot no 4, Fifty (50) feet, thence with lot No. 4, N. 1° 41' E one hundred and thirty (130) feet to beginning.

In Trust to secure J. H. Hunter the payment of the sum of Two hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty four cents $233-34/100) evidenced by two notes of the party of the first part of even date with this deed negotiable and payable at the First National Bank of Roanoke Va. one & two years respectfully to J H Hunter.

In the event that default shall be made in the payment of the above mentioned notes as they become due and payable, then the Trustee on being required so to do by J. H. Hunter, his executors, administrators or assigns, shall sell the property hereby conveyed. And it is covenanted and agreed between the parties aforesaid that in case of a sale the same shall be made after first advertising the time, place and terms thereof for thirty days in some newspaper published in the County of Roanoke, and upon the following terms, to wit: for cash as to so much of the proceeds as may be necessary to defray the expenses of executing this trust, including a trustee's commission of five per centum the fees for drawing and recording this deed, if then unpaid, and to discharge the amount of money then payable upon the said notes, and if at the time of such sale, any of the said notes shall not have become due and payable and the purchase money be sufficient such part or parts of the purchase money as will be sufficient to pay off and discharge such remaining notes shall be made payable at such time or times as the said remaining notes will become due, the payment of which part or parts shall be properly secured; and in case the net proceeds of sale shall be insufficient to pay off all of the said notes in full, then the same shall be applied towards the payment of the said notes in the order of their maturity, it being intended hereby to create a priority in favor of each of said notes over any other debt which may become due and payable subsequent thereto; and if there be any residue of said purchase money, the same shall be made payable at such time and secured in such manner as the said part of the first part his executors, administrators, or assigns shall prescribe and direct, or in any case of any failure to give such direction at such time and in such manner as the said Trustee shall think fit, the said party of the first part, he covenant to pay all taxes,

assessments, liens and charges upon the said property hereby conveyed, so long as his or heirs or assigns shall hold the same.

If no default shall be made in the payment of either of the above mentioned notes, then upon the request of the party of the first part a good and sufficient deed of release shall be executed to J A Wright at their own proper costs and charges.

Witness the following signature and

Jos P. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke. To-wit:

I Giles Gunn a Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Jos P. Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 20th day of September 1890, acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 24th day of September 1890

Giles Gunn J.P.

In the office of the Clerk of the County Court for the County of Roanoke, the 20th day of October 1890, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record

Teste:
Wm McCauley Clerk"

On September 20, 1890, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 5/86 J. P. Wright purchased a lot in Vinton, Virginia, from J. H. and Bettie Hunter:

"This Deed Made this 20th day of Sept. 1890, between J. H. Hunter and Bettie Hunter his wife of Vinton Va. of the first part, and J. P. Wright of Stewartvill Bedford County Va. of the second part, Witnesseth. That in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and fifty ($350) Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, One hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty six cents ($116.66/100) cash in hand, and balance in two notes 1 & 2 years; the said parties of the first part do give, grant and convey unto the party of the second part all the following real estate, to wit: A certain lot or portion of land situated and lying in the town of Vinton County of Roanoke, Va; bounded and described as follows, One lot as shown on map of The Aetna Land & Investment Company,

purchased of said Company by J. H. Hunter. Said lot known as lot No. 3 in Sec. 12, and fronting on Grove Street N. 18° 19 W. from lot 4 to 2. fifty (50) feet: thence with lot No. 2. to an alley: S. 1° 41' E. One hundred and thirty (130) feet: thence with said alley S. 88° 19 W from Lot No. 2 to lot No. 4, fifty (50) feet; thence with lot No. 4, N. 1° 41' E One hundred and thirty (130) feet to begining.

The parties covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed; that they have the right to convey the said land in fee simple to the grantee, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free of all incumbrances: that they have done no act to encumber the land and that they will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal

J. H. Hunter
Bettie A. Hunter

State of Virginia - County of Roanoke, to wit:

I, W. A. Pedigo, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. H. Hunter, and Bettie A. Hunter whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 20th day of September, 1890, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 25th day of September, 1890.

W. D. Pedigo, N.P.

Roanoke County, to wit:

In the Clerks Office of the County Court for the said County the 11th day of May 1891, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm mcCauley, Clerk."

On February 18, 1891, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 6/258 J. P. Wright purchased from the Glade Land Company a lot in Vinton, Virginia:

"This Deed Made this 18th day of February 1891, between the Glade Land Company of the first part, and J. P. Wright of the second part. Witnesseth. That in consideration of the sum of one hundred $100. dollars of which sum Thirty four dollars ($34) is paid cash in hand by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the remainder is to be paid in two equal

annual payments of thirty three dollars each for which negotiable notes are given payable at the First National Bank of Roanoke Va. in one and two years respectively with interest at 6% per annum. Second by deed of Trust, the said party of the first part, doth give, grant and convey unto the party of the second part, with general warranty of title, the following real estate, to wit: A certain lot or portion of land, being and lying in the town of Vinton, County of Roanoke, Virginia, bounded and described as follows: Lot No 6 Sect 20 as shown on map of the Glade Land Company's land on file at the office of County Clerk at Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia. Beginning at the corner of Sixth Street and Virginia Avenue S. 10° 48' W. two hundred and fifty seven and 08/100 feet (257.08) to the beginning of an alley. Thence along said alley N. 54° 12 W. fifty nine and 98/100 feet (59.98) to a point; Thence N. 1° 48' E. two hundred and twenty three 33/100 feet (223.33) Thence S. 88° 12' E fifty feet (50) to the beginning, to have and to hold the same unto the said J. P Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The party of the first part covenants that it has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the same free from all incumbrance; that they have done no act to encumber the same, and that they will execute such further assurances of the land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal of the Glade Land Company By its President.

Geo. O. Houston
President
Attest
Geo. C. McCuhan, Secy

State of Virginia County of Roanoke, to-wit:

I, W. A. Pedigo a Notary Public for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Geo. O. Houston President and Geo. C. McCuhan Secy of the Glade Land Co. whose names are signed to the within writing, bearing date on the 18th day of February 1891 have acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 20th day of February 1891.

W. A. Pedigo. N.P.

Roanoke County to wit:

In the Clerk's office of the County Court for the said County the 18th day of May 1891, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley: Clerk"

On February 18, 1891, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 6/160 J. P. Wright executed a deed of trust to Giles Gunn to secure the purchase price of the lot of Roanoke Deed 6/258 due to Glade Land Company:

"This Deed, made the 18th of February, in the year 1891, between J. P. Wright of the one part and Giles Gunn Trustee of the other part. Witnesseth, That the said J. P. Wright party of the first part, doth grant unto the said Giles Gunn the following property to wit: one certain lot of land situated in the Town of Vinton, County of Roanoke, State of Virginia lying on S.W. side of Virginia Avenue, and known and described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. 6 Sect 20 as shown on Map of Glade Land Company's land: Beginning at the corner of Sixth Street & Virginia Avenue S. 1° 4.8' W. two hundred and fifty seven 08/100 feet (257.08) to an alley, Thence along said alley W. 54° 12' W fifty nine & 98/100 feet (59.98) to a point, Thence N. 1° 48' E. two hundred and twenty three & 35/100 feet (223.35), Thence S 88° 12' E fifty feet (50) to the beginning, being the same lot of land which was conveyed to the said J. P. Wright by the Glade Land Company by deed bearing date on the 18th day of February 1891: In Trust, to secure unto the said Glade Land Company the payment of the sum of Sixty Six Dollars, being the portion of the purchase money for said lot of land for which the said J. P. Wright is justly indebted to the said Glade Land Company which is payable in two equal annual instalments of thirty three Dollars each, with interest on each from the 18 day of February 1891, at the rate of 6 per centum per annum, but if the said J. P. Wright his heirs or assigns, shall make default in the payment of said instalments, or any of them, then upon this further trust that as soon after such default as the said Glade Land Company shall require, or the said Giles Gunn party of the second part, shall think fit, the said Giles Gunn party of the second, shall proceed at such time and place as he shall think best, to sell the said lot of land, with its appurtenances, or so much thereo fas may be necessary to satisfy the unpaid notes at public auction, to the highest bidder, having first given twenty (20) days notice of the time and place of sale in one or more newspapers printed in the city of Roanoke Va., or by handbills or both, and out of the proceeds of such sale shall pay first, all costs and charges attending the execution of this trust, including a commission of 6 per cent to the trustee; secondly shall pay to the said Glade Land Company so much of the said debt and interest as shall remain unpaid; and the balance if any, shall pay to the said

J. W. Wright his heirs or assigns. And if the said J. P. Wright his heirs or assigns shall well and truly pay each and all of said instalments with interest thereon as aforesaid, and make no default therein, then this deed shall be void, or else remain in full force and effect

Witness the following signature and seal this the day and year first above written

Witness Present: Jos. P. Wright.

State of Virginia, County of Roanoke, to-wit:

I, W. W. Pedigo a Notary for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Jos. P. Wright whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 18th day of February 1891, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 26th day of February 1891

W. A. Pedigo N.P.

Roanoke County to-wit:

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court for the said County, the 28th day of March 1891, this deed was presented and, with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On May 11, 1891, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 5/101 J. P. Wright and C. A. Wright sold Lot 3 in Vinton, Virginia, to S. A. Ross:

"This Deed made this 11th day of May 1891 between J. P. Wright and C A Wright his wife of the first part and Mrs. S. A. Ross of the second part. Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Four hundred and eighty one (481.25/100) Dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do give grant and convey unto the party of the second part all the following real estate to-wit: A certain lot or portion of land situated and lying in the town of Vinton County of Roanoke Va bounded and described as follows. One lot known as lot No 3 in Section 12 as shown on map of the Aetna Land & Investment Company conveyed from them to J. H. Hunter then to J. P. Wright said lot commencing one hundred (100) ft. from the N.W. corner of Sec. 12 with lot no 2 So 1◦ 44 W one hundred and thirty (130) ft. to lott no. _ with said alley S 88° 19' E fifty (50) ft to lot no 4 thence with lot no 4 N 1° 41' E one

hundred and thirty (130) ft to grove at __ street thence with said street N 88° 19' W fifty (50) ft. to beginning The parties covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed that they have the right to convey the said land by fee simple to the grantee that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free of all incumbrances and that they have done no act to encumber the land and that they will execute such further assurances of the said land as may be requisite

Witness the following signatures and seals

J. P. Wright
C. A. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke to wit:

I Giles Gunn a Justice for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that J. P. Wright & C. A. Wright his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 11th day of May 1891, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1891.

Gile Gunn J.P.

Roanoke County to wit:

In the office of the Clerk of the County Court for the said County the 29th day of May 1991 this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley Clerk."

On July 24, 1891, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 7/605 J. P. Wright purchased a lot in Vinton, Virginia, from T. P. Goodwin:

"This Deed, made this 24th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety one between T. P. Goodwin of Roanoke Va. of the first part and Joseph P. Wright of Vinton Va. of the second part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars the said party of first part doth grant with general warranty of of title unto the party of the second part all that certain lot or parcel of land in the town of Vinton County of Roanoke Va, which lot is designated and described as follows, Reference being made to a

map of the Glade Land Companys property filed in the County Court Clerks office of said County, That is to say, Beginning at a point on the South of Va. Ave. 50 ft West of 6th St. Thence S 1° 48' W 223-35/100 __ feet to an alley, Thence with alley N. 54° 12' W. 59.98/100 feet to a point. Thence N 1° 48' E. 189-63/100 feet to a point, Thence 88° 12' E 50 to a point of Beginning and designated on Glade Land Companys Map as Lot #5 in Section 20 with all the appurtenances, to the said Land belonging, to have and to hold the said Lands aforesaid unto the said Joseph P Wright his heirs and assigns forever.

The said T. P. Goodwin covenants that he has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that he has done no act to encumber the said land, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances and that party of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seal

T. P. Goodwin

State of Virginia
City of Roanoke, to wit:

I, Henry M. Daniel a Notary Public for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that T. P. Goodwin whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 24th day of July, 1891, has acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 24th day of July, 1891.

Henry M. Daniel, N.P.

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Roanoke County the 12th day of January, 1892, this deed was presented and with the certificate annexed admitted to record.

Teste:
Wm McCauley, Clerk"

On September 7, 1893, at Roanoke County, Virginia, D.B. 17/321 Jos. P. Wright and C. A. Wright sold Lots 5 and 6 in Vinton, Virginia, to J. L. Harris:

"This Deed Made this 7th day of September 1893, betwen J. P. Wright and C. A. Wright his wife parties of the first part and J L Harris party of the second part

Witnesseth

That in consideration of the sum of Six hundred Dollars and the payment hereafter specified Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said party of the first part have granted unto the party of the second part all of the following real estate, to wit: 2 certain Lots and one house thereon, said Lots known as lots 5 & 6 in sec 20, as shown on map of The Glade Land and fronting on Va ave and beginning at the Intersection of Virginia Ave and Sixth Street N 88° 12' W one hundred (100) ft to lot No 4 thence with same S 10° 48 W one hundred and Eighty nine 63/100 (189-63/100) ft to an Alley thence with same S 54.12° E one hundred and nineteen 96/100 (119-96/100) ft to Sixth street, thence with same N 1° 48° E Two hundred and fifty Seven 08/100 (257-08/100) ft to the place of beginning said property lying and being in the town of Vinton county of Roanoke & State of Va. The payment of the above consideration of $600) Dollars are as follows: one hundred and fifty dollars cash ($150) and a note Two hundred dollars payable by the 1st of January 1894 with interest and one note of Two hundred and and fifty dollars with out interest ($250) payable by January 1st 1895 said bonds secured by a deed of trust on said property The partys of the first part covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee: that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances; that they have done no act to encumber the said land; and that they will execute such full assurances of the said land as may be requisite Witness the following signatures and seals

Jos P Wright
C A Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I S. P. Harris a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Jos P. Wright and C. A. Wright his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 4th day of September 1893 have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 14th day of September 1893

S. P. Harris N.P

In the Clerks office of the county court for the County of Roanoke the 5th day of November 1897. this deed was presented and with the Certificate annexed admitted to record

Teste: W Griffin Clerk"

On September 23, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/524 Joseph P. Wright and C. A. Wright sold the riparian rights in certain land to the Vinton Roanoke Water Company:

"This deed made this 23d day of September, 1898, by and between Jos P. Wright and C. A. Wright his wife parties of the first part, and the Vinton Roanoke Water Company party of the second part:

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of $25.00/100 payable as follows to wit: 5.00 on Jany 1 - 1899 and the residue of $20.00 payable in monthly installments of $5.00 per month a vendors lien being hereby retained to secure same, does grant, bargain, sell and convey, with covenants of general warranty of title, all their riparian interests of every kind and description in and to that certain tributary of Sandy Run, commonly known as Falling Creek, which said creek rises in Bakers Cove, Bedford County, Va. and flows into Sandy Run at or about the property of V. F. Meador, hereby granting to the said party of the second part, the right to divert said stream as it may see fit, which stream flows upon the lands of the parties of the first part, which land is described as follows: being the same land conveyed to J. P. Wright Jr by J. P. Wright Sr. which deed is recorded in Bedford County Va. Witness the following signatures and seals of the parties the day and year first above written

Witnessed by
A. Blair Antrim
E. L. Wright

Jos. P. Wright
C. A. Wright

Virginia,
City of Roanoke, To Wit:

I S. S. Brooke, Clerk of the Hustings Court for the City of Roanoke, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that A Blair Antrim and E. L. Wright both personally appeared before me in my City aforesaid and being first duly sworn made oath that the deed hereto annexed executed by Joseph P. Wright and C. A. Wright, his wife, to the Vinton-Roanoke Water Company dated September 23rd 1898

was signed and acknowledged by them, the said Joseph P. Wright and C. A. Wright in their presence. Given under my hand this 29th day of September, 1898.

S. S. Brooke
Clerk of the Hustings Court
for the City of Roanoke.

Bedford County Court Clerks Office, October 5th 1898.

This Deed from Joseph P. Wright and C. A. Wright, his Wife, to the Vinton Roanoke Water Company, conveying riparian rights was produced in said Office, with certificate of proof of its acknowledgment annexed, and being stamped according to law, is admitted to record.

(Tax 50¢ Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C.

Five corrected checks for $5.00 each, dated respectively, January 9th, 1899, February 20th, 1899 March 13th, 1899, April 5th, 1899, and May 10 1899 each signed "A Blair Antrim Secretary" and payable to Jos P. Wright; and five receipts to the Vinton Roanoke Water Company, dated, respectively, January 9th, 1899, February 20th, 1899, March 13th 1899, April 6th, 1899, and May 10th 1899, each for $5.00, three of them signed "Jos P. Wright", one signed "J. P. Wright" and one signed Jos W Wright" were this day produced to me, and the certificate of release of the Vendor's lien retained in the annexed Deed was signed in my presence

January 9th, 1907

Teste,
C. C. Keith, D.C.

See authority for the release filed with the papers of March Term, 1907."

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Josie P. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities Street	House Number	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visitation	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
			58	Josie P. Wright Cornelia A Wright Herbert P Wright Francis Wright Henry Wright Irena Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relation-ship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Mch	1849	51	M
Wife	W	F	Feb	1850	50	M
Son	W	M	Jan	1883	17	S
Son	W	M	Apl	1884	16	S
Son	W	M	Mch	1886	14	S
Daughter	W	F	May	1889	11	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
18			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
18	4	4	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer		
			Farm Laborer	0	6
			Farm Laborer	0	6
			Farm Laborer	0	6
					6

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that Joseph Pate Wright was born in March 1849 and that Cornelia Ann Elizabeth (Powell) Wright was born in February 1850.

On May 16, 1904, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 87/152 Joseph P. Wright purchased a tract of land from the heirs of James B. Cawley and Judith Bandy:

> "This Deed made the 16 day of May 1904 between Isiaac T. Bandy and Sallie J his Wife of County of Roanoke and Mandy M. Harper and Seth Harper her husband and Pattie A. Lavinder of the County of Montgomery and Jasper S. Cawley and Mollie S his wife, Texas A. Bryant and Joseph L. Bryant her husband of the County of Roanoke Kittie Cawley and Beverly Cawley her husband Flora M. Wheeler and Joel H. Wheeler her husband of the County of

Bedford all of the State of Virginia parties of the first part and Joseph P. Wright of the County of Bedford party of the second part Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty two $322.00 Dollars Cash in hand paid by the party of the Second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged The said parties of the first part doth grant and convey with General Warranty of title unto the party of the second part or to his heirs and assigns forever all of a certain tract or parcel of land with all the appurtenances to the said land belonging situated in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia this tract of land being and lying on Falling Creek adjoining the lands of J. P. Wright Patrick Simmons and others this piece of land was willed to Nancy A Cawley by Beverly Cawley Dec. and after her death was to go to the children of James B. Cawley and Judith Bandy Dec. being the parties of the first part mentioned in this Deed as the Records will show at the Clerks office at Bedford Cty Va. The parties of the first part covenants that they have the right to convey the said property to the Grantee that they have done no act to encumber the same except as above specified that the Grantee shall have peacable possession of the same and that the said first parties will execute sich further assurances of the same as may be requisite

Witness the following Signatures and Seals.

Pattie C. Lavinder
Amandy M. Harper
S. H. Harper
J. T. Bandy
S. J. Bandy
J. S. Cauley
Mollie S. Cauley
T. A. Bryant
J. L. Bryant
Flora M. Wheeler
J. H. Wheeler
Kittie Cawley
Beverly Cauley

State of Virginia)
Montgomery Co) To Wit

I, G. W. R. Heslep a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid, do certify that the parties whose names are signed to the foregoing deed in my County aforesaid have acknowledged the Same to be their act & deed

This 20 day May 1904.

G. W. R. Heslep
Justice of the Peace

State of Virginnia,
Roanoke County to wit:

I James H. Duncan a Notary Public for for the County and State aforesaid do certify that J. T. Bandy S. J. Bandy his wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of May 1904 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 15th day of June 1904.

James H. Duncan Notary Public

My Commission as Notary will expire July 3rd 1906

State of Virginia)
Roanoke County) To wit:

I, J. M. Gates a Justice for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that J. S. Cauley and Mollie S. Cauley whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of May 1904 have acknowledged the same before me in my county and state aforesaid

Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1904.

J. M. Gates J.P.

State of Virginia)
Roanoke County) to: wit

I, J. M. Gates a Justice for the County and State aforesaid do certify that, T. A. Bryant and J. L. Bryant whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of May 1904 have acknowledged the same before me in my County and State aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 30th day of June 1904.

J. M. Gates J.P.

State of Virginia
County of Bedford To wit

I James R. Foutz a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Flora M. Wheeler and J. H. Wheeler her husband & Kittie Cawley and Beverly Cawley her Husband whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6 day of May 1904 have akcnowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 26' day of July 1904.

J. R. Foutz J.P.

Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office November 9th, 1904.

This Deed from Isiaac T. Bandy and Sallie J. Bandy his wife, Amandy M. Harper and Seth H. Harper her husband, Pattie C. Lavinder, Joseph S. Cauley and Mollie S. Cauley, his wife, Texas A. Bryant and Joseph L. Bryant, her husband, Hittie Crawley and Beverly Crauley, her husband, and Flora M. Wheeler and Joel H. Wheeler, her husband, to Joseph P. Wright, conveying real estate was produced in said Office, with the certificates of acknowledgment annexed and admitted to record.

Teste:
John M. Speece, Clerk."

The death certificate of Joseph Pate Wright was dated on July 19, 1913, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Health - Division of Vital Records

1. Place of Death. County of Bedford
   District of Chamblissburg
   Primary Registration District No 92B
   File No 19057
   Registered No 7
2. Full Name Jos Pate Wright
3. Sex Male
4. Color or Race White
5. Single Married, Widowed, or Divorced. Married
6. Date of Birth March 19, 1849
7. Age 64 yrs 4 mos 0 ds.
8. Occupation Farmer
9. Birthplace Virginia

10. Name of Father Jos Pate Wright
11. Birthplace of Father Virginia
12. Maiden Name of Mother Martha Adams
13. Birthplace of Mother Virginia
14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge
(Informant) Hobart P. Wright
(Address) Stewartsville
15. Filed Aug 9, 1913 C. M. Huddleston,
Local Registrar
16. Date of Death July 19, 1913
17. I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased from April, 1912, to July, 1913 that I last saw him alive on July 19, 1913 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4 p.m. The Cause of Death was as follows: Mitral Regurgitation (Duration) 3 yrs 8 mos
Contributory DK
Signed C. C Richards M.D.
July 20, 1913
(Address) Stewartsville
18. Length of Residence
19. Place of Burial or Removal. Stewartsville
Date of Burial July 20, 1913
20. Undertaker Oakey
Address Roanoke Va."

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County; Virginia listed the following tombstones at the Stewartsville Methodist Church, Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia:

"Joseph Pate Wright
Mar 19, 1849
Jul 19, 1913

Cornelia Ann Powell
wife of
Joseph P. Wright
May 23, 1850
Apr 16, 1936"

In her letter dated March 4, 1974, Frances W. Saunders enclosed family group sheets which stated that Joseph P. Wright was a son of Joseph Pate Wright and Eliza (Adams) Wright, married Cornelia Powell, and had the following children:

1) Hubert Wright,

2) Joseph Frank Wright, born on February 21, 1844,

3) Robert Harry Wright, and

4) Irma Mae Wright.

The gravestone of Joseph Frank Wright is in the Mays Memorial Church Cemetery, Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed his date of birth on February 21, 1884.

The gravestone of Robert Harry Wright is also in the Mays Memorial Church Cemetery and listed his date of birth on January 13, 1886.

Our Kin listed the date of birth of Irma Mae (Wright) Johnson on November 2, 1889.

viii. 1862 John Adams Wright Of Bedford County

1862 John Adams Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1890 Joseph Pate Wright of Bedford County and Elizabeth A. C. (Adams) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1890 Joseph Pate[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno. A. Wright in the Joseph P. Wright household and his age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

The death record of John A. Wright was dated on December 28, 1862, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: John A. Wright

Date of Death: December 28, 1862

Place of Death: Bedford

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Age: 11 yrs 2 mos

Names of Parents: J. P. & Elizabeth Wright

Where Born: Bedford

Status: Unmarried

Name of Informant: Jos. P. Wright

Designation of Informant: Father"

On February 9, 1863, The Lynchburg Daily Virginian published the following obituary for John Arthur Wright, son of Joseph P. and Elizabeth Ann Wright:

> "In Bedford county, Va., Dec. 28th, 1862, of Pneumonia, in the 12th year of his age, John Arthur, youngest child of Joseph P. and Elizabeth Ann Wright. It has seldom been our lot to meet with such a boy; to know him was to love him. Naturally frail, possessing a mind of unusual vigor, timid yet firm, kind and affectionate, he naturally became the idol of his mother's heart, and the fond hope of his father in declining years.
>
> But the loved one must become the companion of angels; this earth could remain his habitation no longer. Death had marked him for its victim, and neither medical skill nor the kind attentions of a sister, whose nightly vigils o'er him ceased not, nor a mother's prayers, nor a father's love could stay its ravages. Slowly, but gradually, he sank, describing his feelings and giving directions to his nurse with the utmost clearness and calmness to the last.
>
> Thus hath passed from earth one of its sweetest flowers, full of promise and full of hope."

The Bedford City/County Museum stated that the tombstone of J. A. Wright is located at the William R. Wright Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

> "J. A. Wright
> October 5, 1851
> December 28, 1862"

e. 1886 John Ashwith Or Asher Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Sibyl (Craft) Wright, And His Descendants

1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

On February 24, 1831, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 22/489 John Ashwith Wright purchased 114-1/2 acres of land from Jeremiah and Elizabeth Corley:

> "This Indenture made & entered into this 24th day of February 1831 between Jeremiah Corley & Elizabeth his wife & James Corley of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia of the one part & John Ashwith Wright of the County & state aforesaid of the other part witnesseth That for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty two dollars & ninety three cents good & lawful money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said John Ashwith Wright the rect whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold & by these presents doth bargain sell & confirm unty him the said John Ashwith Wright his heirs & assigns forever the following tracts of land Viz. one tract purchased of James Corley Containing by survey twenty one acres one Rood & 15 poles, the other tract purchased of Jeremiah Corley and Elizabeth his wife containing 93-1/2 acres be the same more or less, in all making one hundred and fourteen acres three roods & fifteen Poles and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at corner hickory near the road & Corner to Mrs Horn thence along her line S 22-1/4° W 47-1/4 poles to a pine & pointers corner to Elijah Howell thence along his lines S 67-1/2° E 66 poles to a small pine S 23 W at 63-1/2 poles crossing a branch, same Course continued 87-1/2 poles to a small red oak on said Horns line off thence a new line nearly as a path runs on the top of a ridge S 47° E 35-1/2 poles to pointers S 70° E 32-1/2 poles to a Sourwood S. 38-3/4° E 23 poles to a red oak a corner to the old patent __ E 29 poles to Beverly Corleys Corner pine, thence along his line N. 55° E 34-1/2 poles to pointers on a branch thence up the branch as it meanders N. 3-3/4° E 28-3/4 poles to Edmund Pates corner Gum on said branch thence off & along his line N. 15° W 22-1/2 poles to a small _____ on said branch near a large rock thence up said branch as it meanders N. 14-1/2° W 9 poles N 35-1/2 W 73-1/2 poles N 11° E. 12 poles N. 22° E 16 poles N. 2-1/2° E 24 poles N. 63-1/2° E 9 poles to a dead white oak sourwood & Maple in Mrs. Asburys line thence along her line N 63 W 17 poles to a dead poast oak N. 9° E 28-1/2 poles crossing a branch to a stake and pointers near the branch Corner to Bush thence along his line up said branch as it meanders N. 66-3/4 W 14 poles S 67-3/4° W 6 poles N. 66 W 14 poles, S. 83-1/2 W 30 poles N 78° W 30__ N 74-1/4° W 17 poles & N __ W __ poles to an apple tree at the head of said branch thence N 50-3/4° W. 20 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tracts or parcel of land together with all the priviledges & appurtinances thereunto belonging or any wise appertaining unto him the said John Ashwith Wright his heirs & assigns

forever __ said Jeremiah Corley and Elizabeth his wife & James Corley doth for themselves their heirs, executors, & admrs. covenant & agree to & with the said John Ashwith Wright his heirs, Exors Admrs. & assigns to forever warranty & defend the right & title of the aforesaid tracts or parcels of land against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever in Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day & date first above written.

Signed, sealed, & delivered in the presence of
Edw Pate
Matthew Pate
George his X mark Bush

Jeremiah Cawley
James his X mark Cawley

Bedford County to witt, We William Shrewsbury & Matthew Pate Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Jeremiah Corley & James Corley parties to a certain deed bearing date the 24th day of February 1831 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of April 1831. Also we do further certify that Elizabeth Corley wife of Jeremiah Corley parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 24th day of February 1831 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid & being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Corley acknowledged the same to be her act & deed & declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same & that she wished not to retract it. Given under hands & seals this 15th day of April 1831

William Shrewsbury JP
Matthew Pate J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 28th day of November 1831 This Indenture of bargain and sale from Jeremiah Corley & Elizabeth his wife & James Corley to John Ashwith Wright was produced in Court & together with the certificate of acknowledgment & relinquishment of dower thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro C Mitchell Clk"

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno. A. Wright with the following household:

Date of receiving list	Names of persons Owning property January 31st 1832	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12 yrs. old	Horses Colts &c	Stud Horses
	Jno. A. Wright	2			

Riding Carriages	Amt of Tax

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
John A. Wright	Bed	114½	On falling Cr

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
20	3.00		343.50	.28	

This record reflects the purchase of 114-1/2 acres by Bedford County Deed 22/489.

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno A. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Jno A. Wright	Bed	114½	On falling Cr

Distance & bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of build-ing thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
20 SE	3.00		343.50	.28	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas A Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Jas A Wright	Bed	114½	On falling Cr

Distance& bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of build-ings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	
20 SW	3.00		343.50	.28	

Although the record listed the landowner as Jas A. Wright, this was clearly the listing for John A. Wright.

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
John A Wright		114½	On falling Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
20 SW	3.00		343.50	.28	

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A Wright with the following household:

	Names of persons Owning property 1st of January 1836	White Tithes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
	John A Wright	1		1

Carriages & Stud Horses	Amount of Tax
	.06

On October 3, 1837, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 23/1 John A. Wright purchased 200 acres of land from John W. Thompson, as commissioner:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this third day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and Thirty seven between John W Thompson a commissioner appointed for the purpose by a Decree of the County court of Botetourt in a Cause therein depending wherein John W Thompson Administrator of Andrew Amyx Deceased is plaintiff and the Legatees and Devisees of Andrew Amyx Deceased are depending of the first part and Abraham Kesler and John A Wright of the other part Witnesseth that the said John W Thompson as commissioner as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of one Thousand one hundred and eighty Dollars to him in hand paid by the said Andrew Kesler and John A Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and Sold and by These presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Abraham Kesler and John A Wright and their heirs forever all that tract or parcel of Land Containing by Estimation 200 acres be the same more or Less Situate and being in the County of Botetourt and bounded as follows to Wit Begining at a white oak stump and runneth Thence N 1-1/2° W 134 poles to 3 black oaks N 40-1/2°, W 60 poles to some marked trees and grub N 11° W 56 poles to a forked red oak and black oak Stump by a branch S 56° W 80 poles crossing two branches to a Double black oak on a hill fallen down by a small white oak and the chesnut marked in place of the old corner N 75° W 64 poles crossing a branch to a white oak S 4° E 220 poles to two white oaks and a black oak and thence N 86-1/2° E 165 poles to the Begining together with all and Singular the premises and appurtenances Thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining To Have and To Hold the said Tract or parcel of 200 acres of Land and premises together with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said Abraham Kesler and John A Wright Their heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and behoof of Them the said Abraham Kesler and John A Wright their heirs and assigns forever and the said

John W Thompson as commissioner as aforesaid for himself and his heirs the said Tract of 200 acres of Land and premises together with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said Abraham Kesler and John A Wright their heirs and assigns against him the said John W Thompson his heirs and all persons claiming by Through or under him will warrant and forever defend In Testimony whereof he the said John W Thompson as commissioner as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

Jno W Thompson

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 6th October 1837

This Deed was this day exhibited in said office and acknowledged by John W Thompson commissioner &c a party thereto and admitted to record

teste
H W Bowyer Clk"

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ovr 16	S. Ovr 12	Horses &c	Stud Horses No $	Stage _ & Carryalls No $	Tax $Cts
John Wright	1	1		1			

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ovr 16	S. Ovr 12	Horses	Carryalls No $	Coaches No $	Amt of Tax $ Cts
John A Wright	1			2			.16

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names	W Ovr 16	S. Ov. 16	S. Ov. 12	Horses &c	Carryalls No	$
John A Wright	1			2		

Coaches &c No	$	Tax $ Cts
		.16

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names	White Tithables	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Over 12	Horses &c	Stud Hrs
John A. Wright	1			2	

Coaches &c	Amt of Tax $ Cts
	.16

The 1840 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
John A Wright	1	30-40	1	20-30
	1	15-20		
	3	0-5		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
				1	10-24		

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in						
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
7		2				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb Ages	No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing				
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots		
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge	

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90
years of age in each family
who cannot read or write

This record indicates that John A. Wright was born between 1800 and 1810 and that Sybil (Craft) Wright was born between 1810 and 1820.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names	White Tithables	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Over 12	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Gigg No $
John A. Wright	1			3	

Barow No $	Tax $ ¢ M
	.37 5

On March 31, 1841, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 24/550 John A. Wright purchased 67 acres of land from John W. Thompson, as commissioner:

> "This Indenture made this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one between John W Thompson administrator with the Will annexed of Andrew Amyx decd. of the one part and John A Wright of the County of Botetourt of the other part Witnesseth that the said John W Thompson administrator as aforesaid for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of this Commonwealth to the said John W Thompson as admr as aforesaid in hand paid by the said John A Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath granted bargained and Sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said John A Wright his heirs & assigns forever pursuant to the last Will and Testament of the said Andrew Amyx decd admitted to record in the Clerks Office of Botetourt County, all that tract or parcel of land Situate in the County of Botetourt on the Waters of Glade Creek and containing by survey sixty Seven Acres be the same more or less & is bounded as follows Viz: Beginning at a large white oak by a Gully corner to said Wright and to the Land of George P Taylor and runneth thence with Taylor's line N 72-1/2 W 84 poles (instead of north 59 W 85 poles as called for in the patent of $110 Acres) to a red Oak two small Gum's and two small sour Woods near the

top of a hill on Taylor's line corner to a tract of 80 Acres belonging to the said Andrew Amyx decd. thence with the lines of said tract S 13-1/2 W 55 poles to three Chesnut Oaks S 14-1/2 W 63 poles to two black Oaks and a chesnut Oak in a hollow corner to the land of Abraham Kessler thence with the same (division line) S 80-1/2 E 120 poles to two black oaks and a sour wood on a hill side in a line of said tract of 140 Acres (which was granted to Andrew Amyx by patent bearing date the 18th day of July 1809 for 110 acres thence with the same N 2-1/2 W 113 poles to the Beginning With all and singular the advantages and appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract or parcel of land belonging or appurtaining to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John A Wright his heirs or assigns forever. To have and to hold the said tract of Land with the Tenements Hereditaments all and singular the premises hereinbefore mentioned or intended to be bargained and sold and every part and parcel thereof with every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said John A Wright his heirs and assigns forever And the said John W Thompson as administrator with the Will annexed of Andrew Amyx Decd. for himself and his heirs the said tract of Land with all and Singular the premises and appurtenances before mentioned unto the said John A Wright his heirs and assigns free from the Claim or claims of him the said John W Thompson as administrator as aforesaid his heirs and of all and every person or persons Claiming by Through or under him but no others shall will and do Warrant and forever defend by these presents

In Witness whereof the said John W Thompson as administrator as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal on the day and in the year first above Written

John W Thompson
Admr with the Wills annexed of Andrew Amyx decd

Botetourt County Court Clerks Office 1st April 1841

This Deed was this day exhibited in said Office and acknowledged by John W Thompson admr with the Will annexed of Andrew Amyx decd a party thereto & admitted to record

teste
F Woltz Clk"

On November 22, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers various papers were filed on behalf of John A. Wright in connection with his suit against Joseph Feather for payment of a debt of $75:

"Pleas held before the justices of the County Court of Roanoke, at the court House thereof on Monday the __ day of November 1841.

Be it Rememered, that heretofore to wit: On the first day of August in the year aforesaid, came John A. Wright, by his attorney & sued out of the office, of said County Court a writ of Capias ad Respondendum, which writ with the Endorsement & return thereon made, is in the words & figures following: "The Commonwealth of Virginia: To the Sheriff of Roanoke County Greeting: You are hereby commanded to take Joseph Feather if he be found within your bailiwick & him safely keep, so that you have his body before the Justices of Our county Court of said County, at the Court House thereof, on the third Monday in August next to answer John A Wright assee of Mathew Wright who was assee of Fleming Neighbours of a Plea of Debt for $75.00 Damages $20.00. And have then there this writ. Witness William M Cook, Clerk of our said Court the 1st day of August 1841 in the 66th Year of our foundation

teste
Saml. W. Jeter D.C.

"Endorsement, This is an action of Debt due by Specialty, Bail is required,

Mays & Hudson p.q.

Return, Executed & Saml. Stoner Special Bail.

J. C. Huff D.S. for
Thomas Fowler S.R.C.

And at another day to wit: At Rules held in the Clerks Office of the Said County Court on the __ day of September 1841. Came the Plaintiff by his Attorney, and filed his declaration against the Defendant, which Declaration is in these words,

"Virginia Roanoke County to Wit:

John A Wright assignee of Mathew Wright, who was assignee of Fleming Neighbours, complains of Joseph Feather in custody, &c. of a plea, that he render unto him the sum of Seventy Five Dollars, which to him he owes, & from him unjustly detains. For this, to wit: that the said Defendant, heretofore to wit: on the 20th day of August 1838, at the county aforesaid, by his certain writing obligatory, sealed with his seal, & to the Court now here shewn, the date whereof is the same day and year aforesaid bound himself to pay on or before the first day of January next succeeding the date of said writing obligatory (to wit on the 1st day of January 1839 to the said Fleming Neighbours the said sum of $75.00 above Demanded which said writing obligatory, was afterwards to wit: On the

21st day of February 1839 at the County aforesaid, the same being then unpaid, assigned to the said Mathew Right, by Endorsement thereon on the day and year last aforesaid, signed with the proper hand of the said Fleming Neighbours of which said assignment, the said Defendant, then & there had notice & was afterwards to wit: On the 16th day of May 1841 at the county aforesaid, the same being yet unpaid, assigned to the the said John A. Wright by the said Mathew Wright of which said assignment, the said Defendant then & there had Notice: whereby an action hath accrued to the said Plaintiff to demand & have of the said defendant the said sum of $75. Yet the said Defendant although often requested hath not paid the said sum of $75- Above Demanded, or any part thereof, to the said Fleming Neighbours before his assignment aforesaid, & notice thereof to the said Defendant, or to the said Mathew Wright before his assignment aforesaid, & notice thereof to the said Defendant or to the Plaintiff since the assignment to him &c. &c.

But the same to pay hath hitherto wholly refused, & still doth refuse, to the damage of the Plaintiff, $20.00 & therefore he sues.

F. H. Mays & Hudson P.q.

Whereupon, the Defendant being arrested, & not appearing, on the motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney, it was ordered, that judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against the Defendant, for the debt & interest in the Declaration mentioned, unless the said Defendant should appear & plead to issue at the next Rules.

At which day to wit: At Rules held in the office of the said County Court, on the __ day of November 1841 The Defendant still failing to appear On motion of the plaintiff by his Attorney, it was ordered that the last order, made against him in this cause be confirmed.

And now at this day to Wit: At a Court of Quarterly Sessions held for the County of Roanoke aforesaid, at the Court house thereof, on monday the __ day of November 1841 the Defendant not appearing, on the motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney, it is considered by the court, that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendant $75- with interest thereon, to be computed after the rate of six percentum per annum from the 1st day of January 1839 till payment, the Debt & interest in the Declaration mentioned, & his costs by him about his suit in this behalf supended. And the said Defendant in Mercy &c, The following is a copy of the bond upon which this action is founded. "On or before the 1st day January 1839 I owe & promise to pay or cause to be paid, to Fleming Neighbours Seventy five Dollars Current Money of Virginia for value of him Recd. As witness my hand & seal this 20" August 1838

Joel Cooper Joseph Feather

Endorsment No. 1. I assign the within to Mathew Wright for value Recd. of him this 21st day of February 1839

Fleming Neighbours

Endorsment, No. 2. Credit the within note of $50. this 9th August 1839

Endorsment No. 3. I assign the balance of the within to John A. Wright for Value Recd. of him this 16th day of May 1840.

The following is a copy of the Execution & return made thereon issued in this cause,

The Commonwealth of Virginia,
To the Sheriff of Roanoke County Greeting:

We command you that of the goods & Chattels of Joseph Feather in your bailiwick, you cause to be made the Sum of Seventy five Dollars & __ cents, with legal interest thereon from the 1st day of January 1839, until payment which John A. Wright assee. of Mathew Wright who was assee of Fleming Neighbours late before the Justices of our County Court of Roanoke county has recovered against him for Debt. Also $6.30 which to the said Plaintiff in the same court, were adjudged for his costs by him about his suit in that behalf expended whereof the said Feather is convict as appears to us of record; & that you have the same before the Justices of our said Court, at the Court House thereof on the third Monday in January next to render to the said Plaintiff the Debt & costs aforesaid. And have then there this writ: Witness William M. Cook Clerk of our said Court at the Court House, this 22nd day of Novr. 1841, in the 66 Year of Our foundation.

teste
Wm M. Cook C.

Endorsment. Credit the within Execution by $50. paid 9th of August 1839

W. M. Cook C.

Return, No Effects found;

Thos. F. Taylor DS
for Thomas Fowler S.R.C.

A True copy Copy from the Records

Wm M. Cook C."

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons Chargeable with Tax	White Males over 16	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Between 12 & 16	Horses Mares Mules
John A Wright	1	1		3

Giggs & Sulkies	4 wheeld Pleasure Carriages & Carryalls $100	over $100	$200	over $200	Silver Watches	Gold Watches	Metallic Clocks

Gold & Silver Plate	Piano Value $100	Piano Value over $100	Amount of Tax $ ¢
			.77½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & poles	Locality
John A Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	67.00	Walls Glade Creek

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land p Acre Including Buildings $ ¢	Sum added to the account of Buildings $	Total Value of the Land & Buildings Value $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 12½ pr Ct on the $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year
11 Miles SE	1.50		100.50	.13	from Andsn Amys Est

This record reflects the purchase of 67 acres of land by Botetourt County Deed 24/550.

On February 3, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/141 John A. and Cybel Wright and Peter M. Wright and Susan Wright sold their interest in two tracts of land belonging to the estate of Matthew Wright:

> "This Indenture made and entered into the February 3rd day one thousand eight hundred and forty two between Peter M. Wright and Susan his wife, John A. Wright and Cybel his wife of the first part, and Joseph P. Wright all of the State of Virginia of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, sold, and confirmed, and by these presents doth bargain, sell, and confirm, unto him the said Joseph P. Wright all of our undivided interest in two tracts or parcels of land belonging to the estate of Matthew Wright Deceased, one of them lying in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, it being the same tract of land that the said Matthew Wright resided on at the time of his death, and bounded by the lands of Abram Foutz, Isaac James, Matthew Pate, Peter M. Wright and others, the other tract lying and being in the County of Franklin adjoining the lands of Stephen Wood John Prator and Others it being the same tract of land that Elisha Barton has lived on for the last four years and is now occupied by William Amon &c the two tracts together is supposed to contain about eight hundred acres be it so or not. To have and to hold all of our interest as heirs of the said Matthew Wright Deceased in, and to the aforesaid two tracts of land together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto him, the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever. The said Peter M Wright and his wife Susan, John A Wright and Cybil his wife, do hereby covenant and agree with the said Joseph P. Wright to forever warrant and defend all their right and title in and to the aforesaid two tracts of land, together with all and every of the appertenances, free from the claims or demands of themselves, their heirs, or all manner of persons claiming by, through, or under them, and none other. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the day and date above written

Signed, sealed, and	)	Peter M. Wright
delivered in presence of	)	Susan Wright
Joel Dent	)	John A. Wright
Richard M. Anderson		her
Austin Adkisson		Sybil X Wright
		mk

Botetourt County to wit

We Nathan P. Luck and George P. Taylor Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that John A. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 3rd day of February 1842, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of Bedford County in order that the said deed may be recorded. We do further certify that Sibyl Wright the wife of John A. Wright parties to the aforesaid deed hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily, and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, the said Sibyl Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under hands and seals this 6th day of December 1842.

Nathan P. Luck
Geo: P. Taylor

Bedford County to wit,

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in, and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Peter M. Wright party to a certain deed bearing date 3rd day of February 1842 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the same to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford, in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that Susan Wright party to a certain deed, bearing date 3rd day of February 1842, and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined privily and apart from her husband, and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same, and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerks Office January 2nd 1843. This deed of bargain and sale from Peter M. Wright and wife and John A. Wright and wife, to Joseph P. Wright, was produced in Office and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842 and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed John A. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 3

We alott to John A Wright containing 40 acres of Land laid off as follows Begining at pointers in the dower line & corner to Lot No 2 thence along the line of said lot S 84 W 105 poles to Pates corner red oak near the fork of a branch thence along his line N 20-3/4 E 51 poles to James corner white thence along his line N 14 E 45 poles to pointer corner to Lot No 4 and along the line of the same N 85 E 70 poles to a pile of rocks & stake in the dower line and along the lines of the same S 29 W 32 poles to a pile of rocks S 29 E 51 poles to the Begining

Value of	344.00
To receive of Lot No 2	31.
	375 average

. . . ."

On December 6, 1842, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 26/35 John A. Wright purchased 78 acres of land from Joseph and Martha Peale:

"This Indenture made this 6th day of December in the year of our Lord 1842, between Joseph Peale and Martha Peale his wife of the county of Botetourt and State of Virginia of the one part, and John A. Wright of the county and State aforesaid, of the other part, witnesseth that the said Joseph Peale and Martha his wife, have for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to them in hand paid by the said John A. Wright the receipt whereof they do by these presents acknowledge have granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain & sell alien and confirm unto the said John A. Wright, one certain tract or parcel of land, containing by survey Seventy eight acres, be the same more or less, as is contained in the boundaries hereafter mentioned; and is part of a tract of 270 acres, conveyed to the said Peale by George P. Taylor by deed bearing date the 14th day of October 1837. The land lying in Botetourt County, on the waters of Glade Creek, a branch of Roanoke River, and bounded as follows: to wit; Beginning at a pine and gum on a ridge, corner to the land said

Peale sold to Andrew Austin, and runneth thence with the same S 26 E 18 poles to three white oak saplings on the end of a ridge, S 7 E 51 poles to three pines on a ridge, S 42 E 22 poles to a pine, hickory and black oak on said ridge, S 38 W 79 poles to a red oak, three small sourwoods and a gum on a hill side on a line of the land of Andrew Amyx, decd, thence with the same S 72-1/2 E 120 poles passing Amyx and Wrights corner, to a white oak S 75 E 64 poles crossing a branch, to a double chesnut on a ridge corner to the land of Daniel H. Kesler, thence with his line N 35-1/2 W 256 p. to a stake on said line 1-1/4 poles north of a blazed chestnut, and thence S 32-1/2 W 16-1/2 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the said tract of 78 acres of land and premises, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said John A. Wright, & to the sole use and behoof of him the said John A. Wright and his heirs forever. And the said Joseph Peale and Martha his wife for themselves and their heirs executors and administrators, the said tract of land with every advantage and privilege thereunto belonging, from themselves and their heirs and from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever unto the said John A. Wright and his heirs or assigns, shall and will forever warrant and defend by these presents. In testimony whereof the said Joseph Peale and Martha Peale his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Joseph Peale
Martha her X mark Peal

Botetourt County, to wit: -

We Nathan P. Luck and George P. Taylor Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Joseph Peale a party to a certain deed, bearing date the 6th day of December 1842, and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and desired us to certify the said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the said deed may be recorded We also do further certify that Martha Peale the wife of the said Joseph Peale parties to the above mentioned deed, hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, the said Martha Peale acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of December 1842.

Nathan P. Luck
George P. Taylor

Botetourt County Court, Clerk office December 12th 1842. This Deed, with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon written was this day exhibited in said office and admitted to record

teste,
Wm. Robinson D.C."

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons	White Males over 16	Slaves Over 16	Slaves Between 12 & 16	Horses &c
John A Wright	1			2

Giggs & Sulkies	Carry-alls	4 wheeld Cari-ages	do do	Silver Watch	Silver lever do	Gold do	Wood Clock

Metal-lic do	Gold & Silver Plate	Piano $100	Attor-ney of law	Interest	Physi-cian	Wills	Amount of Tax $ ¢
							.28

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
John A. Wright		114½	On falling Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	3.25		372.72	.56	

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, also listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
John A. Wright		40	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	5.50			.35	

This record reflects the allocation of 40 acres of land to John A. Wright by Bedford County W.B. 11/138.

The 1843 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & Poles	Locality
John A Wright	Botetourt	F simple	67.00	Wats Glade Creek
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance & bearing from Court House	Value of Land p acre includg builds $	Sum add.d to Land on act. buildgs $	Total value of Land & buildings $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 15 pr Cent on $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year
11 Miles SE	1.50		100.50	.15	
10 " "	1.50		117.00	.17	Conv by Jos Peale

This record reflects the purchase of 78 acres of land by Botetourt County Deed 26/35.

On January 5, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/387 John A. Wright and Sybby Wright sold 114 acres of land to Joseph P. Wright:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 5th day of January 1843, between John A. Wright and Sybby his wife of Botetourt County and State of Virginia of the first part, and Joseph P. Wright of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty three dollars to him the said John A. Wright paid in hand by the said Joseph P. Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained, sold and delivered, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto Joseph P. Wright his heirs or assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and on the waters of Falling creek containing one hundred and fourteen acres, three roods and fifteen poles be the same more or less and bounded as follows. Beginning at corner hickory near the road and corner to Horns lands, thence allong Horns line S. 22-1/4 W. 47-1/2 poles to a pine and pointers corner to Elijah Howell thence along his line S. 67-1/2 E. 66 poles to a small pine, S 23 W 63-1/2 poles crossing a branch same cause continued 87-1/2 poles to a small red oak in said Howells line off, thence a new line nearly as the path runs on the top of the ridge S 47 E 35-1/2 poles to pointers S 70 E 32-1/2 poles to a sowerwood S. 38-3/4 E. 23 poles to a red oak corner to the old pattent S. 63-1/2 E. 29 poles to Beverly Corleys corner pine, thence allong his line N. 55 E. 34-1/2 poles to pointers on a branch thence up the branch as it meanders N. 3-3/4 E. 28-3/4 poles to Edm Pate's corner gum on said branch thence off and along his line N. 13 W. 22-1/2 poles to a small gum on said branch near a large rock, thence up said branch as it meanders N. 14-1/2 W 9 poles N. 35-1/2 W. 7-1/2 poles N. 11 E. 12 poles N. 22 E. 16 poles N. 2-1/4 E. 24 poles N. 63-1/2 E. 9 poles to a dead white oak in Mrs. Asburys line, thence allong her line N 63 W. 17 poles to a dead post oak N. 9 E. 28-1/2 poles crossing a branch to a stake and pointers near the branch corner to Bushes old tract, thence along his line up said branch as it meanders N. 66-3/4 W. 14 poles S 67-3/4 W. 6 poles N. 66 W. 14 poles S. 83-1/2 W. 30 poles N 78 W. 20 poles N. 74-1/4 W. 17 poles and N. __ W __ poles to an apple tree at the head of said

branch N 50-3/4 W 20 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the singular priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs or assigns forever, the said John A. Wright and Sybby his wife doth covenant for themselves, their heirs &c that they will forever warrant and defend the right and title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said Joseph P. Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first written.

Signd Seald & acklgd) John A. Wright
in presents of) Sibye Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John A. Wright of the County of Roanoke party to a certain deed bearing date the 5th day of January 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of January 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do herby certify that Sybby Wright of the County of Roanoke party to a certain deed bearing date the 5th of January 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and after being examined privily and apart from, her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and that she did not wish in any wise to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 4th day of September 1843.

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno Claytor J.P.

Bedford Clerk's Office September 7th 1843

This Indenture of bargain and sale from John A. Wright and wife to Joseph P. Wright was produced in the office and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC."

This record indicates that John A. Wright had married his wife Sibye ____ before January 5, 1843.

On March 20, 1843, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 27/531 John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright sold 119 acres of land to Abram Kessler:

"This Indenture made and into this the 20th of March eighteen hundred and forty three between John A. Wright and Sibyl his wife of the one part and of the County of Botetourt and Abram Kessler of the same County of the other part, witnesseth that the said John A. Wright Sibyl Wright his wife for in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said Abram Kessler at or before the ensealing or delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said Abram Kessler and his heirs and assigns a certain track or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia on the waters of Glade Creek containing by a late survey one hundred and nineteen acres one rood and four poles be the same more or less it being a part of the track that the said John A. Wright and Abram Kessler bought of John W. Thompson, Commissioner, and is bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at a white oak stump corner to McCrery and near the corner of his fence thence N 2 W 100 po. to two red oaks and sour wood thence a new line due West 182 poles to two small red oaks and chesnuts & hickory, S 4 E 108 poles two white oaks thence along McCrery's line S 89 E 175 poles to the first station, to have and to hold the said track or parcel of land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the said Abram Kessler his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Abram Kessler his heirs and assigns forever. And the said John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright his wife for themselves and their heirs the said track and premises doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Abram Kessler his heirs and assigns, that they the said John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright his wife the said track of one hundred and nineteen acres one rood and four poles of land and premises together with all and singular the appurtenances unto the said Abram Kessler his heirs and assigns, against him the said John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright his wife and against all persons whomsoever shall and will by these presents forever warrant and defend. In witness whereof the said John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright his

wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year herein before written.

John A. Wright
Sibyl Wright

Botetourt County to wit:

We George P. Tayloe and John W. Thompson Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that John A. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 20th day of March 1843, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the same may be recorded.

We do further certify that Sibyl Wright the wife of John A. Wright and parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 20th March 1843 and hereunto annexed, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Sibyl Wright acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of June 1845.

Geo. P. Tayloe
Jno. W. Thompson

Botetourt County Court Clerk's office 1st of April 1846 This deed, with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon written was this day exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Wm. Robinson D.C."

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright defts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies John Wright as a son of 1841 Matthew Wright.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax 1844	White Males over 16 yrs	Slaves Over 16	Slaves 12-16	Horses &c
John A Wright	1			3

4 whd carriages & Value	Ditto	clocks @ 25	clocks @ 50	Silver Watches	Silver Lev. watch	Gold watch	Piano & Val
		1					

Attorneys	Deeds &c	Amount of Tax $ ¢
		.62½

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
John A Wright	Bedford	fee	40	On the same Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	_____	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		220.00	.28	

The 1844 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres & Poles	Locality
John A Wright	Botetourt	Fee simple	67.00	Waters Glade Cr
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance & bearing from Court House	Value of Land p acre includg builds $	Sum add.d to Land on act. buildgs $	Total value of Land & buildings $ ¢	Amt of Tax @ 15 pr Cent on $100 Value $ ¢	Explanation of Altera-tions during the preced-ing year
11 Miles SE	4.50	200.00	301.50	.38	$200 added for Buildings
10 " "	1.50		117.00	.05	

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Charge-able with Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mules &c
John A Wright	1	1		5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and Value	Stages and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever lepine or silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1			

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
				.94½

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____ _____
John A. Wright	Bedford	fee	40	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		220.00	.22	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	F simple	67.00	Waters Glade Creek
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the court-house	Value of Land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and build-ings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
11 SE	4.50	200.00	301.50	.30	
10 "	1.50		117.50	.12	

On February 12, 1845, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 28/144 John A. Wright repurchased from Abraham and Katharine Kessler the land sold in Botetourt County D.B. 27/531:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this the 12th of February eighteen hundred and fortyfive between Abraham Kessler and Katharine his wife of the one part and of the county of Botetourt and John A. Wright of the same county of the other part witnesseth that the said Abraham Kessler his wife for in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said John A. Wright at or before the

ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do and each of them doth bargain and sell unto the said John a Wright and his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia on the waters of Glade Creek containing by a late survey one hundred and nineteen acres one rood and four poles be the same more or less it being a part of the tract that the said John A. Wright and Abraham Kessler bought of John W. Thompson, Commissioner and is bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at 2 red oaks and sour wood corner to Keslers lot N 2 W 39 poles to three red oaks N 41 W 64 poles to a parcel of sourwood grubs N 12 W 66 poles to a pile of rocks in Amax's field thence along the line of the same S 58 W 89 poles to a white oak N 71 W 64 poles to a white oak near a branch S 4 E 114 poles to 2 small red oaks a chesnut and hickory corner to Kessler's lot off a new line along the same due East 182 poles to the first station. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the said John A. Wright his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said John A. Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Abraham Kesler and Katharine his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract and premises doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said John A. Wright his heirs and assigns that they the said Abraham Kesler and Katharine his wife the said tract of one hundred and nineteen acres one rood and four poles of land and premises together with all and singular the appurtances unto the said John A. Wright his heirs and assigns, against him the said Abraham Kessler and Katharine his wife and against all persons whomsoever shall and will by these presents forever warrant and defend. In witness whereof the said Abraham Kessler and Catharine his wife have hereunto set their hands affixed there seals the day and year herein before written.

Abraham Kessler
Catharine Kessler

Botetourt County to wit:

We George McDonald and Nathan P. Luck Justices of the peace in the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Abraham Kessler a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 12th day of February 1845 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Botetourt in order that the same may be recorded.

We do further certify that Katharine Kessler the wife of Abraham Kessler parties to a certain deed bearing date as above stated and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Katharine Kessler acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and declared

that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 12th day of February 1845.

G. McDonald
Nathan P. Luck

Botetourt County Court Clerks office 17th October 1846. This deed with the certificate of acknowledgment thereon written was this day exhibited in said office and admitted to record.

Teste
F. Woltz, Clk"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable with Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John A Wright	1	1		6

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1			

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
					1.04½

The 1846 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No. of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	F simple	67.00	Waters Glade Creek
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the courthouse	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land and buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
11 SE	4.50	200.00	301.50	.30	
10 "	1.50		107.00	.12	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Names of Persons	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, Mules, &c
John A Wright	1	1	1	6

4 Wheel Carriages & value	Carryalls & value	2 Wheel Carriages & value	Gold Watches	Silver lever Watches	Other watches

Metal-lic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys	Physicians & Surgeons
	1				

Amt of Int. on Moneys loaned out	Amt Tax Fees of office	Total Dols Cents
		1.36½

The 1847 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, Mountains, and Contiguous Tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	fee simple	67.00	Wats Glade Creek
Same	"	"	48.80	"
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre, including buildings	Sum Added to the Land on account of buildings	Total Value of Land & build-ings	Amt of Tax on the whole tract, at the Legal Rate	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
11 Miles SE	4.50	200.00	300.50	.30	
"	5.00		242.50	.24	from Ab Kesslar
"	1.50		117.00	.12	

This record reflects the purchase of 119 acres of land by Botetourt County Deed 28/144, although it was listed in the Land Tax List as 48.8 acres.

On September 22, 1847, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 28/468 John A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Winkfield St. Clair to secure his sureties.

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons charge-able with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John A Wright	1	1	1	5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and har-ness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and har-ness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metal-lic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies pay-ing specific tax, and amount of tax
		1			

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
					1.26½

The 1848 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	F simple	67.00	Waters Glade Creek
Same	"	"	48.80	"
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
11 SE	4.50	200.00	301.50	.30	
11 "	5.00		242.50	.24	
10 "	1.50		117.00	.12	

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John A Wright	1	1		5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying specific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
					.94½

The 1849 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	f simple	67.00	Waters Glade Creek
Same	"	"	48.80	"
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of build-ings	Total value of the land and build-ings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
11 SE	4.50	200.00	301.50	.30	
11 "	5.00		242.50	.24	
10 "	1.50		117.00	.12	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Persons charge-able with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free free netroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
John A Wright	1				5

4 wheel pleasure carriages and har-ness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carry-alls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and har-ness and value	Gold Watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Metal-lic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attornies paying spe-cific tax, and amount of tax
		1				

Physicians and surgeons paying speci-fic tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying spe-cific tax, and amount of tax	Amount of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries-am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total am't of tax Dollars	Cents
				.62

The 1850 Land Tax List for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether in fee simple, for life, etc.	No of Acres	Description of the land, as to watercourses, mountains, and contiguous tracts
John A Wright	Botetourt	F simple	67.00	Waters Glade Creek
Same	"	"	48.80	"
Same	"	"	78.00	"

Distance and bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of build-ings	Total value of the land and build-ings	Amt of tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate	Explanation of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
11 SE	6.00	400.00	502.50	.50	$200 Added for buildings
11 "	5.00		242.50	.24	
10 "	1.50		117.00	.12	

The 1850 Census for Botetourt County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
John A Wright	40	M		Farmer	$1340
Sicily Wright	38	F			
William M. Wright	14	M			
James E. W. Wright	12	M			
Joseph G. Wright	10	M			
Solomon C. Wright	6	M			
George D. Wright	3	M			
Mary F. J. Wright	2/12	F			
Mary A. Chittum	22	F			
William Slack	22	M		Labourer	
Mary A. Craft	65	F			
Mary J. Craft	23	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia		1		
Virginia		1		
Virginia		1		
Virginia		1		
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that John A. Wright was born in about 1810 and that Sybil Wright was born in about 1812.

On about October 5, 1854, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 32/584 John A. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by James M. Trout to secure a debt due to William T. Craft.

On January 8, 1857, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 33/586 John A. Wright and Sybil Wright sold 265 acres of land to Abraham Kessler:

> "This Deed made this 8th day of January 1857, between John A Wright and Sybil his wife of Bedford County and State of Virginia of the one part and Abraham Kessler of the County of Botetourt and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Six thousand dollars three thousand dollars of which is paid and the remaining three thousand dollars to be paid as follows, (namely) One thousand dollars to be paid on the 25th day of December, 1857; one thousand dollars on the 25th day of December, 1858, and the remaining one thousand dollars on the 25th day of December, 1859, and it is expressly understood and intended that the tract of Land herein conveyed shall be bound for the faithful payment of these several sums remaining unpaid, and also all costs and expenses in the recovery thereof. The said John A. Wright and Sybil his wife, do grant unto the said Abraham Kessler his heirs and assigns all of a certain peice or parcel of Land formerly held and occupied by said John A. Wright, but now in the possession of said Kessler, lying and being in the said County of Botetourt, which tract contains by latest survey about two Hundred and Sixty-five acres, be the same more or less, excepting a square quarter of an acre on which a School house

stands; - the said tract of Land embraces three parcels, but all lye adjoining each other. One lot or parcel is bounded as follows: Beginning at two red oaks and sour woods, corner to Kessler's lot, thence N. 2 W. 30 poles to three red oaks; thence N. 41 W. 64 poles to a parcel of Sour-wood grubs; thence N. 12 W. 66 poles to a pile of rock in a field; thence S. 58 W. 89 poles to a white oak; thence N. 71 W. 64 poles to a white oak near a branch; thence S. 4 E 114 poles to two small red oaks, a chesnut and hickory corner to Kessler's lot; thence due east 182 poles to the Beginning, containing One hundred and Nineteen acres, one Rood and thirty-eight poles by the survey. One other lot, which the said John A. Wright purchased of Joseph Peals on the waters of Glade Creek, Beginning at a Pine and Gum on a ridge; corner to the Land said Peale sold Andrew Austin; thence with the same S. 26° E 18 poles to three white-oak Saplings on the end of a ridge; S. 7 E 51 poles to three Pines on a ridge; - thence S. 42 E 22 poles to a pine, hickory and black oak on said ridge; thence S 38 W. 79 poles to a red oak three small Sour-woods and a Gum on a hill side on a line of the land of Andrew Amyx, dec'd, thence with the same S. 72-1/2 E. 120 poles passing Amyx's and Wrights corner to a white oak, S. 75 E. 64 poles, crossing a branch to a double chesnut on a ridge, corner to the land of Daniel H. Kessler; thence with his line, N. 35-1/2 W. 256 poles to a Stake on said line 1-1/4 poles north of a blazed Chesnut tree and thence S. 32-1/2 W. 16-1/2 poles to the begginng, containing Seventy-eight acres. The other tract is bounded as follows: Beginning at a large white oak by a gully corner to Wright, and to the land of George P. Taylor; thence with the Taylor's line N. 72-1/2 W. 84 poles to a red oak two small gums and two small sour-woods near the top of a hill on Taylor's line, corner to a tract of 80 acres belonging to land of Andrew Amyx, dec'd; thence with the lines of said tract S. 13-1/2 W. 55 poles to three Chesnut Oaks S. 19-1/2 W. 63 poles to two black oaks and a chesnut oak in a hollow corner to land of Abraham Kessler; thence with the same S. 80-1/2 E. 120 poles to two black oaks and a [missing line] thence with the same N. 2-1/2 W. 113 poles to the beginning, containing Sixty-seven acres. And the said John A. Wright and Sibyl his wife covenant to and with the said Abraham Kessler that they release all their claims upon the said Lands, and that they will Warrant generally the property hereby conveyed, and that they have the right to convey the said Lands as aforesaid.

Witness the following Signatures and Seals.

John A. Wright
Sibyle Wright

Bedford County, to wit:

I, A. A. Jones a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that John A. Wright whose name is signed to the within Deed, bearing date on the 8th day of January 1857, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 8th day of January, 1857.

A. A. Jones, J.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit:

We, A. A. Jones and James S. Woolfolk, Justices of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid do certify that Sibyl Wright, the wife of James A. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 8th day of January 1857, personally appeared before us, in the County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Sibyl Wright, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 8th day of January 1857.

A. A. Jones J.P.
Jas. S. Woolfolk, J.P.

Botetourt County Court Clerk's Office 13th January 1857.

This Deed with the Certificates of acknowledgment thereon written, was this day exhibited in said Office and admitted to record.

Teste,
F. Woltz, Clk."

The listing in this record of 265 acres of land sold confirms that Botetourt County Deed 28/144 was for 119 acres rather than the 48 acres listed in the Land Tax List. The sum of 67 acres plus 119 acres plus 78 acres equals the 264 acres of land sold by Botetourt County Deed 33/586.

On December 27, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/155 John A. Wright purchased 420 acres of land from Thomas Patterson, as commissioner:

"This Deed made this 27th day of December Eighteen hundred & fifty nine between Thomas Patterson a Commissioner acting under a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the case of Patterson &c against Patterson &c of the one part & John A. Wright of the other part whereas Saml. Patterson did in his lifetime sell to Thomas Patterson a parcel of Land lying in the County of Bedford, adjoining the lands of Robert Allen, R. N. Kelso, Charles Wood (& the land sold by Wm Erving as Commissioner to Henry S. McGhee) & others, the boundareys of said land are as follows = commencing at a pine on North side of the road leading from Fancy Farm to Shepherds Dale Mills said pine being a corner of Robert Alens in Kelsos line,

thence N. 50 W. 20 poles to a stake S. 80-1/4 W. 81 P. to a stake S. 87 W. 32 poles to a stake, thence S. 66 W. 23 P. to a stake S. 82 W. 12-5/10 P. to gate corner of said land & Henry S McGhees Purchase of Wm. Ewing as Commissione thense N 27 W. 125 P. to a stake near to & west of a Pine tree N. 31-3/4 W. 40 P. to a poplar N. 43 W. 52-6/10 P. to the North point of a large flat rock, N. 19-1/2 W. 19 P. to a dogwood near a branch N. 63-3/4 W. 48 P. to a cluster of Poplars N. 78-3/4 W. 84 P. to a stake in Charles Woods line thense with his line N. 42-1/2 E. 195 P. to a red oak S. 38 E. 76-5/10 P to a bunch of smal dogwoods N. 63 E. 105 P. to a large chesnut tree corner of R. N. Kelso, thence, with his line S. 8-1/2 E. 121 P. to a gum, thense S. 54-3/4 E. 27 P. to a pile of rock S. 18 E 91-5/10 P to a spanish oak S. 41-3/4 E. 131 P. to pointers near Kelsos fence, thence 30-3/4 W. 32 Poles to the beginning & containing Four hundred & twenty acres, three roods & fourteen poles = The above contract of sale was afterwards transfer'd to the said Wright & Whereas by a decree in the above case the said Thomas Patterson was appointed a Commissioner to convey the title to the said Wright when all the purchase is paid, a portion haveing been been paid to Saml. Patterson in his life time and the residue to Thomas Patterson who is his administrator. The said Wright being entitled to a conveyance of the title of said land. This deed intends that the said Thos. Patterson acting as Commissioner under the decree aforesaid doth hereby convey with special warenty unto the said John A. Wright the said tract of land above mentioned. Witness the following signature and seal

Thomas Patterson

Virginia,
County of Bedford to wit,

I A. M. Ewing a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforementioned do certify that Thomas Patterson whose name is signed to the writeing above, bearing date 27th Decr. 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid = Given under my hand this 23rd day of January 1860

A. M. Ewing J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 16th 1860

This deed from Thomas Patterson Commissioner to John A. Wright conveying real Estate was produced in said Office = and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

On January 25, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/154 John A. Wright and Sibyl Wright sold 123 acres of land to George W. Toms:

"This Deed made this 25th day of January, One thousand eight hundred & Sixty between Jno. A Wright & Sibyl his wife of the one part and Geo. W. Toms, on the other part, all of County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth, that the said John A. Wright and Sibyl his wife for and in consideration of the sum of twelve dollars per acre, hath bargained and sold and doth hereby grant unto the said George W. Toms all the tract of Land now held by said George W. Toms, being a part of the tract of Land purchased by said Wright from Thomas Patterson & adjoining the lands of said John A. Wright, Chas Wood Wm Kearns & others and lying on the East side of Sharps Mountain in the County and State aforesaid and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at pointers on a branch in Henry McGhee's line thence with his lines N. 19-1/2° W. 9-1/5 poles to a small dogwood on said branch, thence N. 63-3/4° W. 78 poles to a cluster of small poplars on said branch thence N. 48-3/4 W. 84 poles to a stake in the line of Andersons original tract and Chas Woods line thence with Woods line N. 42-1/2 E. 195 poles to a red oak (at the corner of a fence) corner to Thos. Leftwich's & Wm Kearnes thence S. 38° E. 76-1/2 poles with said Leftwich's line to a bunch of small dogwoods thence again with his line N. 63° E. 47 poles & 5 links to a stake in said line thence (new lines) S 24-1/2° W. 56-1/2 poles crossing branch in all 140-1/2 poles to a cherry tree thence S. 60-3/4° W. 43-1/2 poles to the beginning = Containing One hundred and twenty three acres, three roods and 8 poles be the same more or less = And the said Jno. A Wright & Sibyl his wife doth warrant the title of said tract of Land with general warrantee to the said Geo. W. Toms - to have and to hold for himself and his heirs forever = In witness whereof the said John A. Wright and Sybil his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the date above written

John A Wright
Sibyl Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 16th 1860

This deed from John A. Wright & Sibyl his wife to George W. Toms conveying real Estate was produced in said Office acknowledged by said John A Wright = And Sibyl Wright, the wife of said John A Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date the 25th day of January 1860 personally appeared before me in said office and she being examined privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Sibil Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had

willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it = Whereupon said deed was admitted to record.

Teste
A. A. Arthur CBC"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household on June 16, 1860, at Picksville Post Office:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
John A. Wright	51	M		Farmer	10,000	2,250	Virginia				
Sibyl Wright	49	F					Virginia				
Jas. E. Wright	22	M		Trading		200	Virginia				
Joseph Wright	20	M		Farm Laborer			Virginia				
Solomon C. Wright	15	M		Do			Virginia		1		
Geo D. Wright	12	M					Virginia		1		
Mary F. Wright	10	F					Virginia		1		

This record indicates that John A. Wright was born in about 1809 and that Sibyl (____) Wright was born about 1811.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstones in the Wright Family Cemetery:

"Solomon G.
son of
John A & Sibyl Wright
February 7, 1845
July 20, 1863"

"Joseph G.
son of
John A & Sibyl Wright
May 20, 1840
August 8, 1866"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John A. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
John A. Wright	61	M	W	Farmer	5940
Sybilla Wright	59	F	W	Keeping house	
Mary F. Wright	20	F	W		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

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The death record of Sivyl Wright was dated on August 2, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: Sivyl Wright
Date of Death: August 2, 1875
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Age: 63 yrs
Names of Parents: Geo & Mary A. Craft
Where Born: Bedford
Occupation: Keeping house
Status: Married
Name of Informant: John A. Wright
Designation of Informant: Spouse"

This record indicates that Sibyl (Craft) Wright was born in about 1812.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the tombstone of Sibyl Craft with the following inscription:

"Sibyl Craft consort
of
John A Wright
March 7, 1811
August 2, 1875"

On May 1, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/74 J. A. Wright and J. E. Wright purchased 23 acres of land from B. D. and Martha V. Mitchell:

"This Deed made the 1st day of May 1877 between B. D. Mitchell & Martha V his wife of the one part and J A & J E Wright of the other part all of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia. Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of One hundred & ninety dollars & seventy cents to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said B D Mitchell & Martha V. his wife have granted bargained & sold & by these presents do grant bargain & sell unto the sd J. A & J. E. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the sd County of Bedford adjoining the lands of John M. White, Hannibal Hatcher & others containing twenty three acres, three roods & fourteen poles & bounded as follows viz begining at Jno M White's & H Hatchers corner pointers & stone pile thence along sd Hatchers line S 67° W 28-1/2 poles to a spanish oak pointer S 28-1/2° E 46 poles S 44° E 36-1/2 poles N 20-1/2° E 67 poles to a pine near a branch S 73° E 5 poles to a branch & up sd branch N 17° E 16 poles N 12-1/2 W 10 poles S 80-1/2° W 15-1/4 poles to a dead chestnut oak on south side of the branch thence leaving the branch S 73-1/2° W 38 poles to the begining. The party of the first part

covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

his
B. D. X Mitchell
mark
Martha V. Mitchell

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

I Robert S. Quarles a notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that B. D. Mitchell whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 1st day of May 1877 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid. I further certify that Martha V. Mitchell the wife of said B. D. Mitchell whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 1st day of May 1877, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Martha V. Mitchell acknowledged the sd writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 26th day of Aug 1880.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office August 26th 1880.

This Deed from B. D. Mitchell and wife to J A & J E Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On February 17, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/138 J. A. Wright and J. E. Wright purchased 21 3/4 acres of land from H. M. and Sue E. Bilbro:

"This deed made and entered into on this the 17th Feb 1879 between H M Bilbro and Sue E Bilbro his wife of the 1st part and J A and J E Wright of the 2nd part all of the County of Bd and State Va Witnesseth that in consideration of one hundred and seventy two dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do grant bargain sell and convey to the party of the 2nd part (21-3/4) twenty one and three quarter acres of land by James Garwins survey situate in above named County and State adjoining the lands of David Mitchell and Jno M White bounded as follows beginning at North end of Stone fence thence along said

fence South 12-1/4 W 10 poles to a corner N 51 W 65-1/2 poles to pointers in a holler thence along Mitchells line N 20-1/2 E 66-1/2 poles to a pine near branch thence S 73 E 5 poles to a branch being in said Whites line in all 13 poles and 5 links to an ash down said branch S 13 E 6-1/2 poles N 79 E 6-1/2 poles S 25-1/4 E 15 poles to a large White Oak thence crossing branch S 77-1/2 E 3-1/2 poles to an ash thence a new line S 1/2 W 71 poles to beginning. The above named party of the 1st part do give a general and warrantee deed to the above [missing line] assigns to defend the same to the party of 2nd part their heirs or assigns against any person or persons whatsoever, in furtherance of the above deed the party of the first part agrees that the party of 2nd part is to have a wagon road along stone fence to gate now used as an outlet by Wattson thence along same outlet to main road at Mt Hermon Church. In witness wherof we annex our hands and seals

H M Bilbro
Sue E. Bilbro

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford to wit)

I, C W Wharton, a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that H. M. Bilbro whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date Feby 17/79, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 1st day of March 1879.

C W Wharton N.P.

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I, C W. Wharton, a Notary public for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do certify that Sue E Bilbro the wife of H M Bilbro, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 17th day of February 1879, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Sue E Bilbro acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this 5 day of March 1879

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court May 5th 1879.

This Deed from H. M. Bilbro & wife to J. A. and J. E. Wright, conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

In August or September 1879 John A. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1838, for an accounting for the partnership with his son James E. Wright:

"To the Hon'l the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County; in chancery sitting Humbly complaining, showeth unto your Honor your orator John A Wright that in the year 1866, in the month of January your orator entered into a verbal contract of copartnership with James E. Wright, the son of your orator, for the purpose of farming and raising and trading in stock. That your orator furnished the capital for said business, & the said James E. gave it his time and attention, and by the contract, after all expenses were paid, your orator and the said James E were to share equally in the profits of losses of said business. Your orator would further show that the business was conducted on the home place of your orator until the year 1868 or 1869, when the said James E. bought a farm, and moved on it. That your orator furnished the stock, farming inplements &c for said farm, and the partnership theretofore existing was continued upon the same terms, except that your orator assumed the management and control of his home place - but the profits of both farms, and of the operations in live stock, were to be equally divided between your orator and the said James E. Your orator further avers that on the __ day of August 1879 the said James E. departed this life, and that at the August term of the County Court of Bedford County, Sarah H. Wright took out letters of administration upon the estate of the said James E. That in the lifetime of the said James E. there was no final settlement of the partnership transactions. That there is quite a large amount due to said firm, and that there is a large amount of live stock &c their property belonging to said firm, and some debts, to a small amount, outstanding against said firm. In tender consideration whereof, & forasmuch as your orator is without adequate relief, save by the aid of a court of Equity, your orator prays that the said Sarah H. Wright, administratrix of the said James E. Wright, deceased, may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required to answer the same in solemn form, may an account be directed to be taken by a commissioner of this court to ascertain, (1) the terms of the aforesaid copartnership (2) to state and settle an account of the partnership transactions, & (3) to take an account of the indebtedness of said firm. Grant to your orator the Comth's writ of summons and all

such other and further relief as the nature of his case may require, or to Equity shall seem right. And as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John E. Wright
By Counsel"

This record indicates that James E. Wright died in August 1879, that his father was John A. Wright, and that his wife was Sarah H. Wright.

On September 11, 1879, Sarah H. Wright answered the complaint and agreed to the accounting:

"The separate answer of Sarah H. Wright, administratrix of James E. Wright, deceased, to the bill of complaint exhibited against her by John E. Wright, in the Circuit Court of Bedford County.

This respondent, neither admitting nor denying the terms of the contract of copartnership as stated in said bill, for answer thereto, says that it is true that her late husband, James E Wright, was engaged in the business of farming and stock raising with the complainant upon some terms & under some contract, but your respondent is not sufficiently informed as to said contrat to undertake to state what said contract was. Respondent further admits that she qualified as the administratrix of the said James E. Wright, deceased, and that she is anxious for a settlement of the partnership transactions of the said James E. Wright & the complainant. She does not therefore object, but consents that the accounts prayed for in complainants bill may be ordered, and she ____ in the prayer for the same & for a full settlement of the partnership matters by & under the direction of this Hon'l Court. And having fully answered respondent prays to be hence dismissed with her costs &c

Sarah H Wright
Admx
By counsel

Bedford Circuit Court, September 11th 1879

The within answer sworn to by Sarah H. Wright

Teste
___ Keith DC"

On the same date in File 1838 the court ordered an accounting for the partnership:

"At Bedford Circuit Court, September 11th 1879

John A. Wright — Plaintiff
against
Sarah H. Wright administratrix of
James E. Wright, deceased, — Defendant

Upon the motion of the complainant leave is granted him to file his bill of complaint, and upon like leave the defendant Sarah H. Wright deceased, filed her answer to said bill, to which answer the complainant deems it unnecessary to reply. Upon consideration whereof, and by consent of parties, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that one of the Commissioners of this Court, do examine, state and settle the following accounts,

1st An account to ascertain and determine the terms of the contract of copartnership between the complainant and the defendants intestate.

2nd An account of the partnership transactions between the same.

3rd An account of the indebtedness of said firm. But before taking said accounts the said commissioner shall give notice by publication of the time and place of taking the same, warning and requiring all creditors of said firm to come in and prove their claims against the same, and said commissioner is directed to make report to this Court"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jno. A. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Jno A. Wright	W	M	71		
Mary F. Beard	W	F	30		Daughter
James P. Beard	W	M	30		Son in law
Carey Beard	W	M	5/12	Dec	G Son
Eliza Wright	Mu	F	16		Servat
Wm Hurt	B	M	18		Boarder

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
W		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
M		Farm laborer		
S				
S		Domestic Servt		
S		Farm laborer		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Jno A. Wright was born in about 1809.

On March 10, 1881, in File 1838 and at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 10/244 John A. Wright voluntarily dismissed the suit:

"1881 March 10th

The Plaintiff, by his Counsel, says, that will not further prosecute this suit; it is therefore ordered, that it be dismissed"

On June 3, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/300 John A. Wright gave a right of way over certain land in Liberty to the Mayor and Common Council:

"This Deed made this 3rd day of June 1885, between John A. Wright of the first part, and the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Liberty Va of the second part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of One hundred and four dollars and ninety three cents to be paid by the party of the second part before any work is commenced on the land hereinafter mentioned the said John A. Wright doth give, grant, bargain and sell, and convey unto the said The Mayor and Common Council of the town of Liberty, Va, a right of way, for the purpose of laying, maintaining and keeping in order pipes for the conduct of water, in, upon, through, across, over and under his tract or tracts of land, lying in Bedford County, between the said town of

Liberty, Va. and the Peaks of Otter, along the line and according to the courses and distances set forth and described on a plat and survey of the same which has been or is shortly to be, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County. And the said John A. Wright doth covenant that said right of way or easement, in, upon, through, across, over and under said tract or tracts of land shall be a perpetual charge upon said land in whose hands soever the same may pass, and be deemed and treated as a covenant running with the land in favor of the party of the second part or its assigns. And liberty is granted to said party of the second part at any and all times to enter upon said lands to lay pipes for conduct of water, to examine or repair the same, and for whatever purpose it may deem necessary in connection with the laying, maintaining or keeping in repair of said pipes, or for the substitution of others in place of those theretofore laid.

And the party of the second part, by accepting this grant, doth covenant, promise and agree to pay and satisfy to the party of the first part all such immediate loss or damage, as he may sustain or incur in the loss or destruction, in whole or in part, of any crop or crops growing upon said land or any part thereof, by reason of the laying of any of said pipes, or entry upon said lands for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the same, or which may be done to, or suffered by, said crop or crops or to said land by reason of the bursting of any of said pipes: and if the parties herto cannot agree upon the amount of such loss or damage, the same shall be ascertained and determined by two arbitrators indifferently chosen by the parties herto and free from reasonable exception, or by their umpire, whose award shall be final and conclusive as to the amount of such loss or damage. Witness the following signature and seal

Witness.
S. M. Bolling

John his X mark A. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I C W Wharton a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia do certify that John A Wright whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date June 3d 1885 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed. Given under my hand this 4th day of June 1885.

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 6th 1885.

This Deed from John A. Wright to the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Liberty, giving right of way through real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The signing of this deed by a mark when prior deeds had been signed by his name suggests that the John A. Wright of this deed may not have been 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright, unless illness had made it difficult to sign his name.

The death record of John A. Wright was dated in July 1886 at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: John A. Wright
Date of Death: July 1886
Place of Death: Bedford County, Virginia
Cause of Death: Paralyzed
Age: 79 yrs
Names of Parents: Mathew & ____ Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Occupation: Farmer
Status: Unmarried
Name of Informant: Jas P. Beard
Designation of Informant: Son-in-law"

This record indicates that John Aswith or Asher Wright was born in about 1807.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for John Asher Wright in the Wright Family Cemetery:

"John Asher Wright
February 18, 1809
August 10, 1886"

The will of John A. Wright was dated May 5, 1884, probated on August 23, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/300, and provided as follows:

"I, John A. Wright, of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, (occupation farmer) make this my last will, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me:

Item First. It is my will and desire that all my just debts including my burial expenses be paid out of my personal property:

Item Second. I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary F. Beard one hundred and fifty four and sixteen one hundredths acres of my land, composed of the following tracts, to wit: One tract of one hundred and two and thirty one one hundredths acres on which is situated the dwelling house in which I now live and bounded as follows: commencing at a poplar at the spring, thence N. 43 W. 52 6/10 poles to the north point of a large flat rock N. 19- 1/2 W. 9 4/5 poles to a dogwood near a branch N. 60-1/4 E. 43-1/2 poles to a cherry tree N. 24-1/2 E. 140-1/2 poles N. 63 E. 57 poles and 20 links to a large chestnut corner to R. N. Kelso, thence along his line S. 8-1/2 E. 121 poles to a gum tree S. 57 W 116 20/100 poles to a stone S. 12-1/4 E. 16 poles to a stone S 23 W 20 poles to a gate post S. 61 W 24 92/100 poles to a stake in McGhee's line and long his line N 31-1/4 W 20 poles to the first station; also the family grave yard as it is now fenced, and another tract of Fifty one and eighty five one hundredth acres of my home tract of land to be cut off lots nos. 2 and 3 of a plat and survey made by W. J. Hubard and lying between the lines of the 102 3/100 acre tract hereinbefore mentioned and the land hereinafter willed to my son George D. Wright; to be held by her during her life and in case she dies without issue living at her death shall pass equally to William M. Wright, George D. Wright and the children of James E. Wright deceased, per stirpes:

Item Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my son George D. Wright One hundred and three and 71/100 (103 71/100) acres of my land to be cut off the lower end and to be taken out of lot no. 3 of a plat and survey made by W. J. Hubard, also Fifty one and 85/100 (51-85/100) acres, to be taken off of lot No. 2 on the lower portion of said lot the lines to commence in a small branch in McGhee's line and to run a straight line to the lower part of the grave-yard and continue a straight line to the next branch and then go up or down the branch as may be necessary to cut off the required number of acres, then run a line nearly parallel with the fence which runs to Kelso's line so as to cut off in all (155 56/100) One hundred and fifty five and 56/100 acres:

Item 4th. I give devise and bequeath to my son G. D. Wright my tract of land on the south side of Bedford County lately purchased of Joshua W. Thomas, supposed to contain Two hundred and one and 81/100 acres in trust nevertheless for the benefit of my son William M. Wright and his children during the life-time of the said William M. Wright to be held free from the debts and liabilities of the said William M. Wright for the benefit of himself and children as aforesaid until the death of the said William M. Wright and then to pass to his children that may be living or descendants of such as may be dead per stirpes, with power on the part of said trustee upon the written application under seal of the said William M. Wright to sell said trust property and reinvest the proceeds in real estate and the property so purchased to be held under the same trusts and limitations as the property so sold;

Item 5th. I give, devise, and bequeath to my grand- daughter Betty W. Wright, daughter of James E. Wright deceased my entire interest in a tract of land of twenty three acres, three roods and fourteen poles purchased by myself and J. E. Wright of B. D. Mitchell situated in the neighborhood of Mt. Hermon Church, adjoining the lands of John M. White, Hannibal Hatcher and others, also my entire interest in another small tract of land of twenty one and 3/4 acres bought by James E. Wright from Henry M. Bilbro adjoining the lands of John M. White, Bedford County, a survey of which by J. J. Garim I now have in my possession.

Item 6th. I hereby charge the lands devised by this will to my daughter Mary F. Beard and to my son G. D. Wright with the payment of Two hundred dollars each, said sums to be paid to G. D. Wright, trustee as aforesaid, and to be held by him upon the same trusts and limitations as the real estate herein devised to William M. Wright and his children:

Item 7th. I will and bequeath the stock owned by me in the Atlantic, Pacific and Rail Road Tunnel Company to my three children G. D. Wright, William M. Wright, Mary F. Beard and the children of James E. Wright deceased, to be taken and held by the per stirpes:

Item 8th. I hereby appint James P. Beard and Geo. D. Wright of Bedford County, Executors of this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this my last will and testament May 5th 1884.

H. S. Shanklin
Jno. A. Hopkins
Jno R Thurman

John A. Wright

At Bedford County Court, August 23rd 1886.

This last will and testament of John A. Wright deceased, bearing date on the 5th day of May 1884, was produced in Court, proved according to law by the oaths of Henry S. Shanklin and John A. Hopkins, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said John A. Wright deceased. And on the motion of James P. Beard and George D. Wright, the Executors in said will named, who made oath thereto and together with Mary F. Beard their surety, (who justified) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Three Thousand Dollars, conditioned according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of said will in due form. And it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

From the will and the tombstone records listed above the children of John A. Wright and Sybil (Craft) Wright can be identified as follows:

1) William M. Wright,

2) James Edward Wright,

3) Joseph G. Wright,

4) Solomon G. Wright,

5) George Delaraine Wright, and

6) Mary F. (Wright) Beard.

Our Kin stated that John A. Wright was a son of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on February 18, 1809, married Sibyl Craft, and died on August 10, 1886, that Sibyl (Craft) Wright was born on March 7, 1811, and died on August 2, 1875, and that they had the following children:

1) William Wright, born in Botetourt County,

2) James Edward Wright, born in March 1838, and

3) George Delaraine Wright, born on July 6, 1848, at Kelso's Mill, Bedford County, Virginia.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 287409 for Mabel Wright Ballard dated October 10, 1934, which stated that John A. Wright was a son of Matthew Wright and Nancy (Holland) Wright, was born on February 18, 1809, married Sibyl Craft, and died in 1884 and that John A. Wright and Sibyl (Craft) Wright had the following child:

1) James E. Wright, born about 1830.

The Peaks of Otter - Life and Times stated that in the late 1850's:

> "At the base of Sharp Top, near Fancy Farm Road, farmer John Asher Wright lived in a modest house with his wife and three sons. The slaves he owned lived in the cellar of the house. There remain today shackles attached to the basement ceiling beams, to which chains or straps could be attached to keep a slave from running away."

The Peaks of Otter - Life and Times also stated that:

> "Three sons of John A. Wright served in the Confederat army. One, Solomon C. Wright, enlisted and joined company A of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry in March of 1863.

Two months later he was badly wounded in the battle of Chancellorville. He died in July."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1886 John Aswith or Asher Wright and Sybil (Craft) Wright were the following:

1) William Mathew Wright, born on May 11, 1836, at Botetourt County, Virginia,

2) James Edward Wright, born in March 1838 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Joseph G. Wright, born on May 20, 1840, at Virginia,

4) Solomon G. Wright, born on February 7, 1845, at Virginia,

5) George Delaraine or Deloraine Wright, born on July 6 or 29, 1847, at Kelso's Mill, Bedford County, Virginia, or at Botetourt County, Virginia, and

6) Mary F. (Wright) Beard, born in about 1850 or 1851 at Botetourt County, Virginia.

i. 1915 William Mathew Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Sarah T. (Lloyd) Wright, And His Descendants

1915 William Mathew Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed William M. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1836.

The marriage license of William M. Wright and Sarah T. Lloyd was dated December 8, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Certificate to Obtain a Marrige License.

Date of Marriage, 8th Decr 1858
Place of Marriage, Henry Loyd
Full Names of Parties Married, Wm M. Wright. Sarah T. Loyd
Age of Husband, 22 years
Age of Wife, 21 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co Va

Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co Va
Names of Husband's Parents, John A & Sybylla Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Henry & Temperance Loyd
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 8 day of Decr 1858

Thos. C. Goggin"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William M. Wright at Davis Mills Post Office on June 25, 1860, with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Wm. M. Wright	24	M		Farmer	1,700
S. T. Wright	22	F			
C. E. Wright	5/12	M			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
500	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record indicates that William M. Wright was born in about 1836 at Virginia and that Sarah T. (Lloyd) Wright was born about 1838 at Virginia.

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on November 26, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	November 26, 1861
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	William M Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer

Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Sarah J
No. at Birth:	1
Informant:	Father"

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that William Matthew Wright was born on May 11, 1836, enlisted in Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, on April 1, 1862, was present from September to November 1862, was absent on horse detail from December 1 to 31, 1862 and for 20 days on April 24, 1863, was present in July and August 1863, was absent on horse detail in May and June 1864, was wounded at Front Royal on August 21, 1864, was present through August 31, 1864, and was issued clothing on March 1, 1865.

On March 31, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 43/110 William M. Wright executed a deed of trust to John M. Wright to secure a debt of $700 due to James E. Wright:

> "This Deed made and entered into this the 31st day of March 1866, between William M. Wright of the first part and John M Wright of the second part, and James E Wright of the third part, Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid by the said John M. Wright to the said William M Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as for the further consideration of securing the debt hereinafter mentioned, the said William M. Wright hath this day given, granted sold and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant, sell, and convey unto the said John M. Wright the following property to wit: Two horses - 1 two horse wagon and harness for the same, 4 sheep - One, one year Old heifer, One bureau, 2 hogs - 2 beds - 1 two horse plough - 2 shovel ploughs and stocks - 2 Coulters and stocks - 1 Mattock - 2 hilling hoes 1 Clock - 1 axe - 1 double tree 4 single trees - 1 safe - 2 sets of ploughs harness. In trust to secure the payment of a bond executed by the said William M. Wright to the said James E. Wright for the sum $700 bearing dates about the 20th day of February 1866 and it is further agreed and understook between the parties to this deed that the said John M Wright is to proceed to execute this deed and sell the property herein conveyed and apply the purchase money to the payment of the aforesaid bond whenever he shall be requested so to do, by the said James E Wright and not until then, and that said sale shall be by way of public auction after reasonable notice, And the said John M. Wright shall have for his trouble in the execution of this deed such commissions as are allowed by law for that purpose. In Witness whereof Witness the following signatures and seals, this the day and year first above written.
>
> William M Wright

In the Clerks Office of Bedford County Court March 31st 1866.

This Deed of Trust from William M Wright to John M. Wright trustee for the benefit of James E Wright, was produced in said Office (Stamped according to law acknolwedged by the said William M. Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
A A Arthur C.B.C"

The birth record of Frank Wright was dated on May 20, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Frank Wright
Date of Birth:	May 20, 1870
Parents:	William M & Sarah T Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Wm M. Wright	34	M	W	Farmer	
Sarah T. Wright	33	F	W	Keeping house	
Charles E. Wright	10	M	W	Attending School	
Lula N. Wright	8	F	W		
Emma F. Wright	4	F	W		
Hugh M. C. Wright	2	M	W		
Frank Wright	2/12	M	W		
Scott Board	15	M	B	Domestic Servant	

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
130	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia			1	
	Virginia			1	
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote
		1	
1			
1			

This record indicates that William M. Wright was born in about 1836 and that Sarah T. Wright was born in about 1837.

On August 31, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 46/307 William M. Wright and his wife Sarah T. Wright sold 146 acres of land to John W. Clement and Edwin C. Clement:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this the 31st day of August 1872 between William M. Wright and Sarah T. his wife and William V. Jordan commissioner of the first part and John W. Clement & Edwin C. Clement of the second part: Witnesseth: Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County pronounced on the 13th day of May 1871 in the chancery cause of Claytor & wife &c against Jordan &c then depending in said Court the said William V. Jordan was appointed a special commissioner to convey by deed with special warranty to the said William M. Wright, the tract of land mentioned in said decree and described therein as containing 146 acres, and whereas since the date of said decree the said William M Wright and Sarah T. his wife have sold the said tract of land to the said John W. Clement and Edwin C. Clement and are desirous of making conveyance thereof to them by deed with general warranty which desire is evidenced by their signatures to this Indenture. Now therefore, in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of one dollar in hand paid by the parties of the second part to the parties of the first

part at or before the sealing of this Indenture the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do grant unto the the said John W Clement and Edward C. Clement (the said William M Wright and Sarah T. his wife with general warranty & the said William V Jordan commissioner as aforesaid with special warranty) all of the said tract of Land together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging the same lying and being in the County of Bedford on the head waters of Jumping run Creek, containing by survey 146 acres & 36 poles & bounded as follows - Beginning at a Maple on said Creek thence down said Creek as it meanders S 80° W. 24 poles S 49 W. 28 poles S 24-1/2 W 19 poles S 29 W 15-1/4 poles to a stake and pointers in Loyd's line, thence along his line N 78 W 103 poles to Loyd's corner Black oak stump N 3-1/2 E 148.76 poles to pointers thence a new line N 76-3/4 E 119.55 poles to a pile of stone in a field and thence S 13-1/2 E 148 poles to the beginning. Witness the following signatures & seals the day and year first above written

Wm V Jordan com
Wm M Wright
Sarah T. Wright

Bedford County to wit:

This day personally appeared before me Graham Claytor a Deputy Clerk for the County Court of said County William V. Jordan whose name is signed to the within deed bearing date on the 31st day of August 1872 and acknowledged the same to be his act. Given under my hand this the 2d day of September 1872.

Graham Claytor D.C.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office September 13" 1872

This Deed from William V. Jordan commissioner &c to Jno W & Edward C. Clement, conveying real estate was produced in said office and acknowledged by William M Wright whose name is signed to the said deed bearing date on the 31st day of August 1872, and Sarah T. Wright wife of the said William M. Wright whose names are signed to the deed aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid also came before me in my Office aforesaid and being examined by me privily & apart from her said husband & having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Sarah T. Wright acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Thereupon said deed was stamped with one dollar United States Internal Revenue stamp, cancelled according to law & together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On May 17, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/516 a William M. Wright conveyed 174 acres of land to Stephen J. Markham:

"This Deed made the 17th day of May 1877 between Rowland D. Buford, Commissioner, of the one part, and Stephen I. Markham of the other part - both of Bedford County - Witnesseth, that whereas in a suit in chancery pending in the Circuit Court of Bedford County in the name of William Dickinson for &c, Plaintiff, against Thorp H. Nance & others, Defendants, a decree was pronounced the 10th May 1871, appointing the said Buford, a Commissioner to sell the tract of land in the Bill in said suit mentioned, described as containing one hundred and Seventy four acres, three roods & thirty two poles (more or less) upon the terms prescribed by said decree - and whereas after advertising the said tract of land as required by said Decree the said Buford, as Comr. aforesaid, sold the said tract of Land at public auction on the premises on the 8th December 1871 and William M. Wright being the highest bidder became the purchaser at the price of $8.20¢ per acre - making in the aggregate $1434.55¢: of which sum he paid $88.74¢ in cash & executed four bonds for the residue payable respectively 6, 12, 18 & 24 months after date: all which was reported to said Court by said Commissioner and a decree was pronounced by said Court on 18th of December 1871 in said cause approving and confirming the report of said Commissioner and the sale so made by him and appointing said Buford a Receiver to withdraw and collect said bonds.

And whereas, subsequent to said sale, the said William M. Wright, purchaser of said land, sold the same to the said Stephen I. Markham, and the said Markham refunded to the said Wright the said sum of Eighty eight dollars and seventy four cents, the cash payment aforesaid. And the said Wright having paid off part of the first bond, the same was refunded to him by the said Markham. And whereas the remaining sum on said first bond and the whole amount due on the three last bonds was paid off by the said Stephen J Markham. And whereas at the March Term 1877 of said Court the said Buford, Receiver as aforesaid, made report to said Court that William M. Wright has completed the payment of the purchase money for the tract of land heretofore purchased by him at a sale under a former decree in this cause whereupon the said Court did "adjudge, order and decree that Rowland D Buford, who is hereby appointed a special Commissioner for that purpose, do convey said land to said Wright, or to whom he may appoint by proper deed with special warranty, and at the costs of the Grantee," And whereas the said William M. Wright hath requested the said Buford, Commissioner as aforesaid, to convey said land to the said Stephen I. Markham by proper deed with special warranty -which is signified by the said Wright's signing and acknowledging this deed: Now, therefore, this deed witnesseth, that the said Rowland D. Buford, Commissioner as aforesaid, in consideration of the premises and in pursuance of the authority vested in him as aforesaid, doth hereby convey, with special warranty to the said Stephen I. Markham the tract of land aforesaid, described in the bill in said cause as "situate in the said County of Bedford, near the waters of Goose Creek and Wolf Creek,

adjacent to the lands of Richard Crenshaw and Reeves S. Scruggs, containing by estimation One hundred and seventy-four acres, three roods and thirty-two poles (more or less)" Witness the following signatures and seals the date above written.

Rowland D. Buford, Comr.
Wm M. Wright

In Bedford County Court, May 29th 1877

This Deed from Rowland D Buford Commissioner and William M. Wright to Stephen I. Markham, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said Rowland D. Buford and William M. Wright, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On April 12, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 52/269 M. D. Loyd executed a power of attorney to William M. Wright:

"I hereby make and constitute W. M. Wright my true and lawful agent for me and in my name to collect the Within described bonds and to receipt for the money collected on them in my name as fully as I could do if I were present acting in my own proper person, and the said W M. Wright of Bedford County in the State of Virginia is authorized to employ counsel if necessary and institute and prosecute such suits as may be necessary to the collection of the within described bonds

Owensboro Kentucky April 12th 1877

Attest
Eli H Brown

M. D. Loyd,

This day personly Apeared befor me M. D Loyd and acknowledge the foregoing to be his act and deed. December 24th 1879.

J M. Gewell Justic of the Peace for Daveys County Kentucky

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office December 29th 1879.

This Power of Attorney from M D Loyds to W. M. Wright, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
Ro S. Quarles C.B.C."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Wm M. Wright	W	M	44		
S. T. Wright	W	F	42		Wife
C. E. Wright	W	M	20		Son
W. L. Wright	W	F	18		Daughter
Temperance Wright	W	F	14		Daughter
H. M. Wright	W	M	13		Son
J. F. Wright	W	M	10		Son
B. S. Wright	W	F	7		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S		Farming		
S		None		
S		None		
S		At home		
S		At home		
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record also indicates that William M. Wright was born about 1836 and Sarah T. (Lloyd) Wright was born about 1838.

On August 31, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/175 William M. Wright executed a deed of trust to Robert S. Quarles to secure a debt due to John A. Wright:

> "This deed made this the 31st day of August 1881 between Wm M. Wright of the first part, and Robert S Quarles of the second part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowleged, the said party of the first part hath given granted bargained and sold & by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell to the said party of the second part the following personal property to wit 2 horses, one a black mare named Coly the other a bay mare named Bill; 18 head of sheep 18 head of hogs 1 jersey waggon & harness, 1 four horse waggon & harness, 3 shovel ploughs and three coutters, 1 iron scraper, growing crops of corn 50 bushels of oats, 20 bushels of corn household and Kitchen furniture; 3 beds & bedding: all the hay fodder & other long forage now on the farm occupied by the party of the first part, the crop of Tobacco now on hand and the growing crop of tobacco of the party of the first part, 1-2 horse waggon 3 calvs & calves, 1 cross-cut saw, also the interest of the party of the first in the growing crop of Peyton Bush & C. E. Wright 2 big -plows (turning).
>
> In trust to secure a bond this day executed by the said party of the first part to John A Wright for the sum of $525.00 (borrowed money) and if said bond is not paid by the 1st day of September 1882 it shall be the duty of said trustee upon the request of the said John A. Wright his assignee or personal representative to execute this deed according to the 6th section of chapter 113 of the Code of Va Witness the following signature & seal.
>
> W. M. Wright
>
> In Bedford County Court Clerks Office August 31st 1881
>
> This Deed of trust from William M Wright to Robert S. Quarles Trustee for the benefit of John A. Wright, conveying personal property was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said William M Wright and admitted to record
>
> Teste,
> Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On February 13, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 55/511 William A. Lansdown and Joanna Lansdown executed a deed of trust to J. Laurence Campbell to secure a debt incurred by Sarah T. Wright to purchase 87 acres of land from the Lansdowns:

"This Deed made this 13th day of February 1883, between William A. Lansdown and Joanna his wife of the first part, William M. Wright and Sarah T. Wright his wife of the second part and J. Laurence Campbell Trustee of the third part.

Witnesseth, that whereas the said William A. Lansdown did purchase of one Stephen R. Holland on the 1st day of January 1880, a tract of land containing 87 acres 2 Roods and 24 poles as will appear by deed from said Holland and wife duly recorded in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book "ZZ" p. 541 - And whereas there yet remains due on the purchase money to said Stephen R. Holland the sum of $125 - payable January 1st 1884, with interest at 3 per centum per annum from January 1st 1880 to said date of maturity and six per centum thereafter, as evidenced by the bond of said William A. Lansdowne, And whereas the said William A. Lansdowne has sold a certain portion of said tract of land, as hereinafter more fully described, with improvements and growing crop thereon, to the said Sarah T. Wright of the second part for the sum of five hundred and ninety dollars and twelve cents, all of which has been paid by the said Sarah T. Wright and the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged - except a sum sufficient to pay to said Stephen R. Holland the said sum of $125.- with interest as aforesaid, And whereas in order to make said payment to said Landsdowne the said Sarah T. Wright has borrowed the sum of Three hundred dollars from S. M. Bolling, Trustee as evidenced by the joint bond of said parties of the second part of even date herewith and payable six months after date, and whereas the said Sarah T. Wright is desirous to secure the payment of said respective sums when due to said Stephen R. Holland and said S. M. Bolling, Trustee, respectively

Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said parties of the first part do hereby grant and convey to said party of the third part the following described tract of land, to wit: Beginning at a stake at the North side of a road leading from Bunker Hill to D. J. Wells' the same being the corner of a lot sold by said Lansdown to Laura J. Wells, thence with the N. side of said road to D. J. Wells S. 66-1/2° E 11 poles and 10 links to a lost corner and to have been a pear tree, thence still with said road to D. J. Wells' S. 53-1/2° E. 89 poles and 22 links to a white oak near the mouth of the lane, thence S. 64-1/4° E. 73 poles to a sorrell (lost) in S. M. Thomas' - now John A. Wrights line - thence with side line S. 82-1/4° West 151 poles & 8 links to a stone corner of lot sold to Laura J. Wells, thence with the said Laura J. Wells' line N 1/2° West 110 poles to the beginning containing 46 acres and 72 hundredths of an acre more or less, together with all appurtenances, improvements and the growing crop of wheat thereon. In trust, nevertheless, to secure the payment of said respective bonds of $125- and $300.- & interest when due to said Stephen R. Holland and said S. M. Bolling Trustee, respectively, and upon payment thereof to convey said tract of land to said Sarah T. Wright or to whomsoever she may direct. In default of payment of said respective bonds or either of them, then said J. L. Campbell Trustee as aforesaid shall make sale of said property hereinbefore conveyed, in accordance with provisions of Va. Code Chap. 113 Sec. 6. And the

said parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. And the parties of the second part covenant that they will warrant and defend the property hereby conveyed to the party of the third part. Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year first above written

Wm A. Landsdown
her
Joanna X Landsdown
mark
Sarah T. Wright
W. M. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. H. Quarles, Deputy Clerk of Bedford County Court, State aforesaid, do certify that Wm. A Lansdown & William M. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 13th day of February 1883, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, and that Joanna Landsdown the wife of said Wm A Landsdown and Sarah T. Wright the wife of said Wm. M. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, & being examined by me privately & apart from their said respective husbands & having the said writing fully explained to them, they, the said Joanna Landsdown & the said Sarah T. Wright, acknowledged the said writing to be their act and declared that they had willingly executed the same & do not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 13th day of February, 1883

Saml. H. Quarles, D.Clk

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office February 13th 1883.

This Deed of Trust from Wm. A. Landsdown and wife & others to James S. Campbell Trustee for the benefit of S. R. Holland and S M. Bolling Trustee, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C.

The bond of One hundred and twenty five Dollars ($125.00) secured to me in this deed, has been fully paid, and said Deed is hereby released as to said bond of $125.00 secured to me.

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of June 1886

Witness, S R Holland
Saml. H. Quarles, D.Clk

The bond for $300.00 payable to S. M. Bolling, Trustee, secured in this Deed of Trust, was this day produced to me, canceled, and the annexed certificate of release as to the said bond and interest was signed in my presence.

January 15th, 1903 Teste,
C. C. Keith, D.C.

The bond for $300.00 payable to S. M. Bolling, Trustee, secured in this Deed of Trust has been paid and satisfied, and the said Deed of Trust is hereby released as to the said bond for $300.00 and interest. Witness the following signatures and seals this 15th day of January, 1903.

S. M. Bolling, Trustee
Jos M Johnson Assee"

On March 8, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/268 William M. Wright and his wife Sarah T. Wright and other heirs of Henry C. Loyd appointed Robert S. Loyd their attorney in fact to act for them in connection with that estate:

"Know all men by these presents that we, William M. Wright and Sarah T. his wife, Martha A. Meador, McD. Loyd and Edward C. Loyd & Martha M Loyd his wife only heirs of Henry C. Loyd decd, have made constituted and appointed, and do hereby make constitute and appoint Robert S. Loyd of the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, our true, sufficient and lawful attorney for us and in our names, to bargain, sell, grant, release and convey to such person or persons, and for such sum or sums of money, or other consideration or considerations, payable at such time or times, and secured in such manner and upon such security, or securities, as our said attorney shall deem most for our advantage and profit, all of the Henry C. Loyd decd late of said County, and especially the tract of land in said County, on which the said Henry C Loyd decd resided at the time of his death, situate on Jumping Run Creek, & containing about two hundred and fourteen acres, more or less, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto in any wise appertaining, and upon such sale or sales, convenient and proper deeds, with such covenants, general or Special, of warranty, as to our said attorney shall seem expedient, in due form of law, as our deed or deeds, to make, seal, deliver and acknowledge, and for us and in our names, to accept and receive all and every the sum or sums of money or other consideration or considerations whatsoever, which shall be coming to us on account of said sale or sales, and upon the receipt thereof, suitable acquittance or acquittances, in our

names and stead, to make, seal and deliver, and generally, giving to our said attorney full power and authority touching the premises, to do, execute, proceed and finish in all things, in as ample manner as we might do if personally present. Hereby ratifying and confirming all lawful acts done by our said attorney by virtue hereof.

In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands and affixed our seals, this the 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and eighty three

W. M. Wright
Sarah T Wright
M. D. Loyd
Mary S Loyd
Edward C Loyd
Martha M Loyd
Martha A Meador

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford, to wit)

I M. P. Burks, a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do certify that William M. Wright and Sarah F. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 8th day of March, 1883, have severally acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. And I do further certify that the said Sarah T. Wright, wife of the said Wm. M. Wright, being examined by me privily & apart from her said husband & having the said writing fully explained to her, she, the said Susan F. Wright, acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 2d day of July, 1883.

M. P. Burks N.P.

State of Kentucky)
County of Meade) Sct.

I W H Gough Clerk of the County Court for Meade County in the State of Kentucky do certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney from Martha A Meador & others bearing date of March 8" 1883 was produced to me in my office and duly signed and acknowledged before me by said Martha A. Meador, widow, a party thereto, to be her act and _____ and official Seal this 31st day of July 1883

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in said Macon County this July 25, 1883.

W H Gough Clerk

State of Kentucky)
Damps County) Sct

I Jacob C Wandling a Notary public in and for the County of Damps State of Kentucky do certify that M. D. Loyd and Mary T. Loyd whose names are signed to the foregoing power of attorney bearing date the 8th day of March 1883, have severally acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid and I do further certify that the said Mary F. Loyd wife of the said M. D. Loyd being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Mary T. Loyd acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it Given under my hand this 7th day of July 1883.

Jacob C Wandling N.P.

State of Missouri)
Macon County) S.S.

I, the undersigned Eli J. Newton a Notary Public in and for Macon County in the State of Missouri do certify that Edward C. Loyd and Martha M. Loyd his wife of Macon County of the State of Missouri whose names are signed to the foregoing power of Attorney bearing date March 8 1883 have severally acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, and I do further certify that the said Martha M Loyd wife of the said Edward C Loyd being by me privily examined and apart from her husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Marth M. Loyd acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it all done July 25 1883

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in said Macon County this July 25, 1883.

Eli J. Newton
Notary Public
Commission expires June 2, 1885

In Bedford County Court, September 24th 1883.

This Power of Attorney from William M. Wright and wife and others to Robert S. Loyd, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On August 29, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/267 Susan Loyd sold her interest in the estate of Henry C. Loyd to Sarah Wright and other heirs:

"This Deed made and entered into this 29 day of August 1883 between Susan Loyd of the first part and R S Loyd, Sarah T Wright E C Loyd, M D Loyd and Martha A Meador the last named Heirs of the late Henry C Loyd Decd. Witnesseth that the said Susan Loyd, for and in consideration of the Sum of Five hundred dollars to her in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said Heirs of the late Henry C. Loyd Decd. her entire interest in the real estate of which the said Henry C. Loyd died seized said land is situated in Bedford County on the waters of Jumping Run Creek, to have and to hold forever. The said party of the first part binds herself to warrant and defend the right and title of the said land unto the said parties of the second part with general warranty

Witness the following signature and seal this day and date above written

Susan Loyd

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

I Thos W Nance a Justice for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Susan Loyd whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 29" day of Aug 1883 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 29" day of Aug 1883

Thos W Nance J.P

In Bedford County Court, September 24th 1883

This Deed from Susan Loyd to R. S. Loyd and others, conveying interest in real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The will of 1886 John A. Wright of Bedford County dated May 5, 1884, and probated on August 23, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/300 listed William M. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Item 4th. I give devise and bequeath to my son G. D. Wright my tract of land on the south side of Bedford County lately purchased of Joshua W. Thomas, supposed to contain Two hundred and one and 81/100 acres in trust nevertheless for the benefit of my son William M. Wright and his children during the life-time of the said William M. Wright to be held free from the debts and liabilities of the said William M. Wright for the benefit of himself and children as aforesaid until the death of the said William M. Wright and then to pass to his children that may be living or descendants of such as may be dead per stirpes, with power on the part of said trustee upon the written application under seal of the said William M. Wright to sell said trust property and reinvest the proceeds in real estate and the property so purchased to be held under the same trusts and limitations as the property so sold;
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> . . . .
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> Item 7th. I will and bequeath the stock owned by me in the Atlantic, Pacific and Rail Road Tunnel Company to my three children G. D. Wright, William M. Wright, Mary F. Beard and the children of James E. Wright deceased, to be taken and held by the per stirpes: . . . . "

The marriage license of Charles E. Wright and Lee Anna Moore dated July 6, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as a son of William M. and Sarah T. Wright and his age as 21 and born in Bedford County, indicating a date of birth in about 1860.

The marriage license of Hugh M. Wright and Selia Kate Gardner dated April 5, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as a son of William M. and Sarah T. Wright.

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities Street	House Number	Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
		215	219	William Wright Sarah Wright Lula Wright Tempa Wright Blanch Wright Frank Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether single, married,widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	May	1836	64	M
Wife	W	F	June	1837	62	M
Daughter	W	F	Nov	1861	38	S
Daughter	W	F	Oct	1865	34	S
Daughter	W	F	May	1873	27	S
Son	W	M	May	1870	30	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
42			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
42	6	6	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer		
			Farm Laborer		

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes		F	F	168
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that William Wright was born in May 1836 and that Sarah T. (Lloyd) Wright was born in June 1837.

The death certificate of William Mathew Wright was dated on January 1, 1915, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"1. Place of Death. County of Bedford
District of Liberty
Registration District No 90
Primary Registration District No A
File No 237
Registered No. 2
2. Full Name William Mathew Wright
3. Sex Male
4. Color or Race White

5. Single Married, Widowed, or Divorced. Married
6. Date of Birth May 11, 1836
7. Age 78 yrs. 7 mos. 21 ds.
8. Occupation Farmer
9. Birthplace Virginia
10. Name of Father John A Wright
11. Birthplace of Father Virginia
12. Maiden Name of Mother Sibyl Craft
13. Birthplace of Mother Virginia
14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge
(Informant) Chas. Wright
(Address) Bedford, Va.
15. Filed Jan. 12, 1915 M P Rucker Sr
Local Registrar
16. Date of Death Jan 1, 1915
17. I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased from June 1, 1914, to Jan. 1, 1915 that I last saw him alive on Dec 12, 1914 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10 a.m. The Cause of Death was as follows:
Cher____ Pa____ with Coma ending
(Duration) 1 yrs. 6 mos
(Signed) W E McCaly M.D.
Jan 1, 1915 (Address) Thaxton Va
18. Length of Residence
19. Place of Burial or Removal Oakwood Cemetery
Date of Burial Jan. 3, 1915
20. Undertaker M. P Carder
Address Bedford Va"

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone inscriptions at the Oakwood Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia:

"William M. Wright May 11, 1836
Jan 1, 1915

Sarah T. Wright Jun 28, 1837
May 27, 1926"

The death certificate of Charles E. Wright dated October 13, 1917, at Bedford County, Virginia, listed his parents as William M. Wright, born in Virginia, and Sarah T.(?) Loyd, born in Virginia, and his birth on January 15, 1860, at Bedford County, Virginia.

On March 1, 1916, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 116/61 Mrs. L. Kate Wright filed her list of the heirs of Hugh M. Wright, which included his mother and siblings:

"The following is a list of the names, and as far as is possible for me to state, the ages and addresses of the heirs of Hugh M. Wright, who died intestate, and for whose estate I have been appointed Administratrix by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, to-wit:

Names	Ages-Years	Addresses
Mrs. L. Kate Wright	42	Bedford.
Mrs. Sarah T. Wright	78	"
Lula Wright	54	"
Charles E. Wright	56	"
Emma T. Wright	52	"
Blanche S. Wright	43	"
Frank L. Wright	46	"

Given under my hand this 1st day of March, 1916.

L. Kate Wright

Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office,

I, C. C. Keeth, Deputy for Samuel M. Bolling, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that L. Kate Wright, administratrix of Hugh M. Wright, deceased, this day personally appeared before me, in said office, and made oath that the above list is believed by affiant to be true. Given under my hand this 1st. day of March, 1916.

C. C. Keeth, D.C.

Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office, March 1st. 1916.

This list of names, ages and addresses of the heirs of Hugh M. Wright, deceased was this day filed in said office, and upon the annexed affidavit, admitted to record.

Teste,
S. M. Bolling, Clerk."

Our Kin stated that William Wright was a son of John A. Wright and Sibyl (Craft) Wright, was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, and married Sarah T. Lloyd and that they had the following children:

1) Charles E. Wright,
2) Lula Wright,

3) Sarah Temperance Wright,

4) Hugh M. Wright,

5) Frank Wright, and

6) Blanche (Wright) Fuqua.

ii. 1879 James Edward Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Sarah "Sallie" H. (Anderson) (Wright) Arrington, And His Descendants

1879 James Edward Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed James E. W. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1838.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jas. E. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 22, occupation, trading, personal property $200, and born in Virginia.

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that James E. Wright was born in March 1838, was a private in Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry, was discharged in 1862, and died on August 18, 1879, and was buried at the Wright Cemetery between Kelso's Mill and Pennicks, Bedford County, Virginia.

The marriage record of James E. Wright and Sallie H. Anderson was dated on December 20, 1866, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"December 18th/66

This is to certify that I have given my consent for J. E. Wright to marry my daughter Sallie H. Anderson and desire the clerk of the County Court of Bedford to issue license to that affect

Witness Elizabeth Anderson
Robert W. Carnefix

Marriage License
Virginia - Bedford County to wit:

To any Person Licensed to celebrate marriages. You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, James E. Wright and Sallie H. Anderson

Given under my hand, as clerk of the County Court of Bedford, this 18th day of December 1866

A. A. Arthur clerk

Certificate to obtain a marriage license, to be annexed to the license, required by Act passed 15th March 1861.

Time of Marriage 20th day of December 1866
Place of Marriage Bedford Co. Va.
Full names of Parties Married James E. Wright & Sallie H. Anderson
Age of Husband 28 years
Age of Wife 20 years
Condition of Husband Single
Condition of Wife Single
Place of Husband's birth Botetourt County, Virginia
Place of Wife's birth Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Husband's Residence Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Wife's Residence Bedford County, Virginia
Names of Husband's Parents John A. & Sybil Wright
Names of Wife's Parents Nicholas & Elizabeth Anderson
Occupation of Husband Farmer

Given under my hand, this 18th day of December 1866.

A. A. Arthur, Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage

I certify that on the 20th day of December 1866, in the County of Bedford, I united in marriage the above named and described parties under authority of the annexed license.

J. E. Potts."

Marriage Notices from Lynchburg, Virginia, Newspapers 1837-1860 stated that on January 2, 1867, The Lynchburg Daily News published the following marriage notice for J. E. Wright and S. H. Anderson:

> "Wright, J. E., married S. H. Anderson, dau. of ?? ?? on 12/20/1866. Groom of Buckingham Co. Bride of Bedford Co. The Lynchburg Daily News, 01/02/1867, p.3, c.2."

On May 20, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/449 James E. Wright purchased 360 acres of land from the heirs of Henry M. White:

> "This deed made the Twentieth day of May in the year One Thousand eight hundred & seventy one between Jacob S. White & Catharine S. White his wife, John M. White, & Mary V. White his wife William H. Jennings & Fanie E. Jennings his wife Paul Vaughn & Sarah L. Vaughan his wife Heirs of Henry M. White Decsd Witnesseth that in consideration of Three thousand six hundred $3600. them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Heirs do grant unto James E. Wright all there right title and interest into a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford situated on the Percimion branch, containing Three hundred and sixty acres more or less and adgoinng the lands of John A. Wharton, Phillip Turpin, Doc R A. Sale, Elisha D. Dewit, & Calvin Burnet. It being the same land upon which the said Henry M. White resided during his life. The said Jacob S. White, & Catharine S. his wife John M. White & Mary V. his wife, William H. Jennings, & Fannie E. his wife Paul Vaughn & Sarah L his wife do covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed
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> Witness the following signatures and seals
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> Jacob S. White
> Catharine S White
> John M. White
> Mary V White
> Wm H Jennings
> Eliza F Jennings
> Paul B Vaughn
> Sarah L. Vaughn
>
> County of Bedford to wit
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> I A L Noell a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Jacob S. White, John M White, William H. Jennings and Paul Vaughn whose names are signed to the writings hereto annexed bearing date on the

Twentieth day of May 1871 have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 20th day of ____ 1871

A L Noell JP

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

We A. L. Noell & John D. Turpin Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford in the state of Virginia do certify that Catherine S. White the wife of Jacob S. White, Mary V. White the wife of John M. White whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the Twentieth of May 1871 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid & being examined by us privily & apart from their Husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said Catharine S White the wife of Jacob S White, Mary V. White the wife of John M. White acknowledged the said writings to be their acts and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands this 14" day of June 1871

A. L. Noell JP
John D. Turpin JP

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

We A. L. Noell & John M. White Justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Fanie E Jennings the wife of Wm H. Jennings Sarah L Vaughn the wife of Paul Vaughn whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 20 day of May personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from their Husbands and having the writings aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Fanie E. Jennings the wife of Wm H. Jennings Sarah L Vaughn the wife of Paul Vaughn acknowledged the said writing to be their acts and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it

Given under our hands this 14" day of June 1871

A. L. Noell JP
John M. White JP

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 11th 1874.

This Deed from Jacob S. White and others to James E. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of William W. Wright was dated on March 1, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	William W. Wright
Date of Birth:	March 1, 1872
Place of Birth:	Liberty District
Parents:	John E. & Sallie H. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On March 30, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/82 James E. Wright and his wife Sarah H. Wright sold 91-3/4 acres of land to William H. McGhee:

"This Deed made the thirtieth of March One thousand eight hundred & seventy two Between James E. Wright and Sarah H. Wright my wife both of the Co. of Bedford and State of Virginia, Witnesseth that in consideration of $867 Eight hundred sixty seven dollars 00 cents now in hand paid and the recepts whereof are hereby acknowledged. The said James E. Wright and Sarah H. Wright do grant unto Wm H. Magehee all there right title and interest in a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Bedford on the headwaters Hurican Creek joining the lands of Doc R. A. Sale Rev E Dewit and others, and bounded as follows. Beginning at Chesnut in Dewit line thence S 30-1/2 W 39-1/2 poles to a stump by an old Tobacco house thence S 14-3/4 W 68-1/2 poles to pointers a white oak and chesnut oak near a hollow thence a new line S 78 E 68 poles crossing branch in all 118 poles to a stake & stump in field thence N 8-3/4 W 55 poles to a stake thence N 55-1/2 E 25 poles S 29-1/2 E 55-1/2 poles down branch to a dead spanish oak on north side of Branch, thence S 46 E 56 poles to white oak corner in P Turpin's line thence his line N 46-1/2 E 45-1/2 poles to a large white oak on road thence along road it being Sale line N 27 W 35-1/2 poles N 21 E 12 poles N 14 W 4 poles S 81-1/2 W 21 poles N 20-1/2 W 20 poles S 89-1/2 W 11-1/2 poles N 52 W 8-1/2 poles N 82 W 8 poles S 81-1/2 W 12-1/2 poles N 40-1/2 W 18 poles N 76-3/4 W 37-1/2 poles to Dewit corner thence his lines N 78-1/2 W 32 poles N 72 W 35-1/2 poles to the beginning containing in all 91-3/4 acres It being a portion of the land formerly owned by Capt H M White Decd. The said James E. Wright and Sarah H Wright do covenant that

they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals.

J. E. Wright
Sarah H Wright

County of Bedford to wit

I Joseph S Hardy a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that James E. Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the Thirtieth day of March 1872 have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid Given under my hand this Thirtieth day of March 1872

Joseph S. Hardy J.P.

State of Virginia County of Bedford to wit

We Joseph S. Hardy & John M. White justices of the peace for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia do certify that Sarah Wright the wife of James E Wright whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the Thirtieth day of March 1872 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Sarah Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 30th of March 1872

Joseph S. Hardy J.P.
John M. White J.P.

In Bedford County Court July 22nd 1873

This Deed from James E. Wright & wife to William H McGhee conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On March 23, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/451 J. Edward Wright purchased 55 acres of land from Delia T. Powers:

"This deed made this 23th day of March in the year eighteen hundred and seventy two between D. Powers of the first part and J Edward Wright of the second part Witnesseth that for in consideration of the sum of 315.00/100 three hundred and

fifteen dollars to her in hand paid by the said J Edward Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged she the said D. T Powers have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell to the said J Edward Wright a certain tract or parcel of land situate in Bedford County containing 55 acres more or less and bounded as follows beginning at a corner on the South side of an old school house in J Edward Wrights line thence along his line in a north direction to a corner sourwood on the west side of a hollow thence in a westerly direction along a cross fence (Bowers line) to the Liberty & Waughs Ferry road thence along said road to within ten feet of an old work shop thence a straight line from the road to the beginning The only proper one and behoof of the said J Edward Wright forever the right and title to said land the said D. Powers do hereby warrant and defend to the said J Edward Wright free from the claim of herself and free form the claim or claims of all others in testimony whereof the said D. Powers hath set her hand and affixed her seal

Delila T Powers X
her mark

I John M. White a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bedford and State of Virginia do certify that Delila T Powers whose name is signed to the writing above, personally appeared before me in the County and State aforesaid and being examined by me acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this the 1st day of Apl 1872

John M. White J.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 11th 1874

This Deed from Delila T. Powers to J. Edward Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On May 8, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 6/257 in the case of J. E. Wright v. the administrator of the estate of Albert Jones the court entered its order for payment of $916.67 due from the defendant:

"J E Wright and Sarah H his wife Plaintiffs
against
John M Jones Administrator of Albert Jones deceased and
Richard Davis Defendants

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill of the plaintiffs, answer of the defendant, replication thereto, exhibits, examination of witnesses and the report of Commissioner Lowry made under the decretal order herein made at October Term 1870, and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof, it appearing that the said Albert Jones as guardian of the female plaintiff was indebted to his said ward at the commencement of the late war in the sum of about Two thousand dollars and had been so indebted to her since the year 1859, that in January 1863 one John Goode and John Goode Jr. were indebted to him in the sum of Eleven hundred and forty dollars and eighty two cents in Confederate States Notes for which he took their bond payable to himself as guardian (which was afterwards transferred to the succeeding guardian), and afterwards on the 18" of April 1863 the said Albert Jones presented a petition to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County in vacation alleging that he had in his hands the sum of Eleven hundred dollars belonging to his ward, received by him in the due exercise of his trust, which he was unable to pay to her on account of her age, and asked leave to invest the same in Confederate States bonds, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed the 5th of March 1863, which leave was granted; under which he did invest Eleven hundred dollars of Confederate States Treasury Notes in such bonds that those notes (as is admitted by the parties) were then so depreciated that Six dollars of them were only equal to One dollar in Corn: Upon these facts, it is the opinion of the Court, that the said Albert Jones as such guardian had no right in this way to discharge himself of his debt due to his ward in corn, and that instead of attempting to discharge it by such a mere nominal payment by which a ruinous loss and sacrifice was visited on his ward, he ought to have guarded and protected her rights and interests and if he had in good faith believed that her interests would have been promoted by investing her estate in Confederate States bonds he ought to have invested so much Confederate money as Eleven hundred dollars in coin would have purchased: and that if he was entitled to charge any thing against his ward on account of said investment as made by him the utmost he could claim would be the value of the Confederate States Treasury Notes at the time of the investment: The Court doth therefore disapprove and reject the said report of Commissioner Lowry and approving the statement A filed in this cause to conform the accounts of the said guardian to the foregoing opinion, doth confirm it, and doth adjudge, order and decree, that the said defendant do out of the estate of his intestate in his hands to be administered pay to the plaintiffs the sum of Nine hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty seven cents, with interest thereon after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 21st day of April 1863 until payment and their costs by them about their suit in this behalf expended"

On December 8, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 47/451 J. Edward Wright purchased 44-1/2 acres of land from John M. and B. A. Jones:

"This Indenture made this 8" day of Decem in the year eighteen hundred and seuventy three between John M. Jones and B. A. his wife of the one part and J. Edward Wright of the other part

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said J. Edward Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged They the said John M Jones and B A his wife have given granted bargained & sold and by these presents do give grant bargain and sell to the said J. Edward Wright a certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Bedford containing forty four and one half acres bounded as follows beginning in the Suck Spring raad at Otterville N 86 W 10 poles to cress roads thence along the Liberty road S 37-1/4 W 10-3/4 poles to corner of Store lot S 40-1/2 W 20-3/4 poles to pointers on White Oak & pine thence leaving road S 22 W 41 poles & 15 links to a large walnut near a Spring S 36-1/2 W 79-3/4 poles to a large white oak on East side the road S 62-1/4 E 67-1/2 poles to a small stump in Luptons line thence his lines N 34-1/2 E 9 po & 5 links to a white Oak N 15 E 26.6 poles to a corner on the branch N 13-1/4 E 88 poles to a chestnut N 71 W 19.8 poles to pointers on a branch N 7 E 41 poles to the beginning The only one and behoof of the said J Edward Wright forever the right and title to said land the said John M. Jones and B. A. his wife for themselves do hereby warrant and defend to the said J. Edward Wright free from the claim of themselves and free from claim or claims of all others in testimony whereof the said John M Jones and B A. his wife hath set their hands and affixed their seals the date above written in this Indenture

Jno. M. Jones
Barbary Applewite Jones

State of Virginia
Bedford Cty to wit

I John M. White a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid do certify that John M. Jones whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the 8" day of Decem. 1873, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid

Given under my hand this 8" day of Decem. 1873

Jno. M. White, J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford)

We A. L. Noell and John M. White Justices of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid do certify that B. A. Jones the wife of John M. Jones whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 8" day of Decem. 1873, this day came before us in the County and State aforesaid and being by us examined privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said B. A. Jones acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and did not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands this 8th day of Decem. 1873.

A. L. Noell J.P
Jno. M. White JP.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 11th 1874.

This Deed from John M. Jones & wife to J. Edward Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

The birth record of John E. Wright was dated on June 9, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	John E. Wright
Date of Birth:	June 9, 1874
Place of Birth:	Liberty District
Parents:	James E. & Sallie H. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

From 1875 to 1879 James Edward Wright acted as trustee on a series of deeds of trust:

1) On October 20, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/304, executed by E. M. Boley to secure a debt due to Wm. H. McGhee;

2) On November 4, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/324, executed by John C. Longwoodto secure various debts;

3) On April 19, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/63 executed by T. E. Crouch to secure a debt due to Wm. H. McGhee;

4) On June 29, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/188 executed by Thomas B. Logwood to secure a debt due to Wm. H. McGhee;

5) On July 25, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/139 executed by W. D. Moseley to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

6) On August 7, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/159 executed by Columbus D. Minnich to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

7) On August 17, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/177 executed by R. Burks Williams to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

8) On September 21, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/232 executed by Thomas T. White to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

9) On October 24, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/297 executed by Thomas E. Couch to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

10) On December 8, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/335 executed by E. M. Boley to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

11) On December 15, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/427 executed by T. W. Pentecost to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

12) On February 19, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/503 executed by W. B. Logwood to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

13) On March 13, 1877, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 38/491 executed by Henry L. Flippo to secure a debt due to G. D. Wright;

14) On March 28, 1877, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 38/557 executed by M. J. Burkholder to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

15) On March 28, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/454 executed by R. Burks Williams to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

16) On March 28, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/456 executed by M. J. Burkholder to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

17) On April 26, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/494 executed by William O. Reynolds to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

18) On May 12, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/35 executed by C. D. Minnick;

19) On June 1, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/34 executed by Thomas T. White;

20) On June 20, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/33 executed by C. H. Wilkinson;

21) On July 1, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/560 executed by Robert S. Chapman to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

22) On July 3, 1877, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 38/569 executed by Wyat J. Markham to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

23) On August 29, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/101 executed by W. B. Logwood;

24) On August 30, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/101 executed by John W. Arrington;

25) On October 22, 1877, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 39/48 executed by N. O. Markham to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen;

26) On May 13, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 50/457 executed by Cornelius W. Murphey to secure a debt due to Robert H. Jeter;

27) On October 4, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 51/215 executed by B. H. Hensley to secure a debt due to J. C. Logwood;

28) On January 15, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 51/301 executed by J. C. White to secure a debt due to William H. McGhee;

29) On February 7, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 51/345 executed by Chester Miller.

The birth record of Mona C. Wright was dated on August 15, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Mona C. Wright
Date of Birth:	August 15, 1876
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	J. E. & Sallie Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer

Father's Residence: Bedford
Informant: Father"

On May 1, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/74 J. E. Wright and J. A. Wright purchased 23 acres of land from B. D. and Martha V. Mitchell:

"This Deed made the 1st day of May 1877 between B. D. Mitchell & Martha V his wife of the one part and J A & J E Wright of the other part all of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia. Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum of One hundred & ninety dollars & seventy cents to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said B D Mitchell & Martha V. his wife have granted bargained & sold & by these presents do grant bargain & sell unto the sd J. A & J. E. Wright a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the sd County of Bedford adjoining the lands of John M. White, Hannibal Hatcher & others containing twenty three acres, three roods & fourteen poles & bounded as follows viz begining at Jno M White's & H Hatchers corner pointers & stone pile thence along sd Hatchers line S 67° W 28-1/2 poles to a spanish oak pointer S 28-1/2° E 46 poles S 44° E 36-1/2 poles N 20-1/2° E 67 poles to a pine near a branch S 73° E 5 poles to a branch & up sd branch N 17° E 16 poles N 12-1/2 W 10 poles S 80-1/2° W 15-1/4 poles to a dead chestnut oak on south side of the branch thence leaving the branch S 73-1/2° W 38 poles to the begining. The party of the first part covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

his
B. D. X Mitchell
mark
Martha V. Mitchell

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit

I Robert S. Quarles a notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid do certify that B. D. Mitchell whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 1st day of May 1877 has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid. I further certify that Martha V. Mitchell the wife of said B. D. Mitchell whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 1st day of May 1877, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Martha V. Mitchell acknowledged the sd writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 26th day of Aug 1880.

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office August 26th 1880.

This Deed from B. D. Mitchell and wife to J A & J E Wright conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On September 30, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 52/101 J. E. Wright and his wife Sarah H. Wright, William A. Goff and Sallie C. Goff, and John H. Goff and Bettie A. F. Goff sold 268-1/4 acres of land to William H. McGhee:

"This Deed made and entered into this the 30th day of September AD 1878 between J E Wright and Sarah H Wright his wife, William A. Goff and Sallie C. Goff his wife and John H. Goff and Bettie A F Goff his wife of the first part, and William H. McGhee of the second part, all of the County of Bedford, and State of Virginia, Whereas the said J E Wright sometime since sold to the said William A Goff and and John H Goff the tract of land hereinafter more particularly described for the sum of four thousand and twenty three dollars and seventy five cents, and the said Goffs after paying, say some two thousand dollars of the purchase money, sold said land to the said McGhee who has paid to the said Wright a portion of the balance of the purchase money due for said land, and has also paid to said Goffs in full of their interest in said land, Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid, they the said parties of the first part, have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey to the said party of the second part a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford containing Two hundred and sixty eight and a quarter acres be the same more or less and of the courses and distances, metes and bounds following to wit Beginning at a white oak in Turpins line thence along his lines S 36 E 110 poles to the road leading from Otterville to the River, thence along the road S 40-1/2 W 16 poles S 1 E 16 poles S 22-1/2 W 16 poles, S 1-1/2 W 18 poles, S 26-1/2 W at 30 poles Xing a branch in all 42 poles S 50-1/2 W 11-1/4 poles to Whartons line and along his lines N 54-1/2 W 146-3/4 poles to a lost corner, S 60-3/4 W at 40 poles Xing a branch in all 114-1/2 poles to pointers on gum & sorrel, N 28-3/4, W 95-1/2 poles to pointers on white oak on the side of a small mountain, N 59 E 20 poles to a small red oak N 6 E 8-1/2 poles to a large chestnut oak on the mountain thence along C. Burnetts line on the mountain N 33-1/2 E 48-3/4 poles to pointers on hickory & chestnut oak, N 18 E 59 poles to pointers on white oak & chestnut oak near a hollow, thence a new line S 78 E 68 poles Xing branch in all 118 poles to a stake and stump in the field, N 8-3/4 W 55 poles to a stake, N 55-1/2 E 25 poles, S 29-1/2 E 55-1/2 poles down branch to a dead spanish oak on north side of branch, thence S 46 E 56 poles to the beginning. The land hereby conveyed being the same conveyed to said J E Wright by deed

from Jacob S White and wife and others, by deed duly recorded in Bedford County Court Clerks Office in Deed Book "UU" page 249 with the exception of 91-3/4 acres heretofore conveyed by said J. E. Wright and wife to said William H. McGhee by deed recorded in said Clerks Office in Deed Book "UU" page 82. And the parties of the first part covenant to and with the said party of the second part that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the tract of land hereby conveyed that they have not nor has any one of them done any act to encumber the same that they will make such other & further assurances of the title as may be requisite and necessary, that the party of the second part shall have quiet & peaceable possession of the land hereby conveyed free from all hindrance or encumbrance, And that they the said parties of the first part will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals

J. E. Wright
Sarah H. Wright
W. A. Goff
Sallie C. Goff
J H Goff
Bettie A. F. Goff

Bedford County to wit

I, John M White a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that J E Wright whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the ____ day of September 1878, has acknowledged the same before me in the County aforesaid I further certify that Sarah H. Wright the wife of said J. E. Wright whose name is also signed to the writing aforesaid, also came came before me in said County, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Sarah H. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this the 5th day of Octo 1878

John M. White N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office September 13th 1879

This Deed from J. E. Wright and wife, William A. Goff and wife, and J. H. Goff and wife, to William H. McGhee conveying real estate was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record as to said J. E. Wright and wife.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On February 17, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/138 J. E. Wright and J. A. Wright purchased 21 3/4 acres of land from H. M. and Sue E. Bilbro:

"This deed made and entered into on this the 17th Feb 1879 between H M Bilbro and Sue E Bilbro his wife of the 1st part and J A and J E Wright of the 2nd part all of the County of Bd and State Va Witnesseth that in consideration of one hundred and seventy two dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do grant bargain sell and convey to the party of the 2nd part (21-3/4) twenty one and three quarter acres of land by James Garwins survey situate in above named County and State adjoining the lands of David Mitchell and Jno M White bounded as follows beginning at North end of Stone fence thence along said fence South 12-1/4 W 10 poles to a corner N 51 W 65-1/2 poles to pointers in a holler thence along Mitchells line N 20-1/2 E 66-1/2 poles to a pine near branch thence S 73 E 5 poles to a branch being in said Whites line in all 13 poles and 5 links to an ash down said branch S 13 E 6-1/2 poles N 79 E 6-1/2 poles S 25-1/4 E 15 poles to a large White Oak thence crossing branch S 77-1/2 E 3-1/2 poles to an ash thence a new line S 1/2 W 71 poles to beginning. The above named party of the 1st part do give a general and warrantee deed to the above [missing line] assigns to defend the same to the party of 2nd part their heirs or assigns against any person or persons whatsoever, in furtherance of the above deed the party of the first part agrees that the party of 2nd part is to have a wagon road along stone fence to gate now used as an outlet by Wattson thence along same outlet to main road at Mt Hermon Church. In witness wherof we annex our hands and seals

H M Bilbro
Sue E. Bilbro

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford to wit)

I, C W Wharton, a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that H. M. Bilbro whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date Feby 17/79, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 1st day of March 1879.

C W Wharton N.P.

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to wit:

I, C W. Wharton, a Notary public for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do certify that Sue E Bilbro the wife of H M Bilbro, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 17th day of February 1879, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and

apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Sue E Bilbro acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this 5 day of March 1879

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court May 5th 1879.

This Deed from H. M. Bilbro & wife to J. A. and J. E. Wright, conveying real estate was produced in Court, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The birth record of Elmo Wright was dated on April 6, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Elmo Wright
Date of Birth:	April 6, 1879
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	James E. & Sallie H. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The death record of J. E. Wright was dated on August 18, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: J. E. Wright
Date of Death: August 18, 1879
Place of Death: Bedford
Cause of Death: Abscess on liver
Age: 41
Names of Parents: J. A. & Sibyl Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Consort of: Sallie H. Wright"

This record indicates that James E. Wright was born in about 1838.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the tombstone of J. E. Wright in the Wright Family Cemetery with the following inscription:

"J E Wright
March 1838
August 18, 1879"

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of J. E. Wright dated September 19, 1879, was filed in File 3168 and at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 24/293 and showed a value of $1,504.50:

"September 19th 1879

Inventory & appraisement of the personal property belonging to the estate of J. E. Wright deceased,

1 Writing desk		4.00
1 Lounge		1.00
12 Split Bottom chairs 40c		4.80
1 Trundle Bedstead & straw tick		1.00
1 small table		.50
1 Jersey wagon		25.00
1 Sett street harness		10.00
1 Lot Lumber 4000 ft.		40.00
1 Mans saddle		3.00
1 Bond on Wm. A. Goff & J. H. Goff		500.00
due 1st July 1874 subject to credit of	$472.50	
1 Bond on Wm. A. Goff & J. H. Goff due July 1st 1875		500.00
1 Bond on Jas. O. Gray & Wm. D. Moseley dated 18th April		
1879 payable 12 months after date with Int. past		100.00
1 Bond on Jas. A. Coleman dated 1st		125.00
April 1876 due 12 mos after date with		1,314.80
int. part subject to credit June 1st 1878	$16.30	488.80
1 Bond on Geo. T. & Jas. A. Coleman 1st Feby/79		825.50
payable 12 mos after date with interest past		100.00
subject to credit April 12th/78	$85.00	
1 Bond on W D Moseley dated 19th June/78 payable 12		
mos after date with int past		12.50
1 Bond on W. J. Clark dated 5th April 1877 due 1st Jan 1878		399.00
Credit 1st Jan 1878	$135.00	
Credit 13 May 1878	100.00	
Credit 1st Jan 1878 for land	20.00	
Credit June 1879 difference in horses	15.00	
1 Bond on W. J. Clark dated 5th April 1877 due 1st Jany 1879		152.50
Credit 1st June 1879 for land	20.00	
1 Bond on W. J. Clark same date due 1st Jan 1880		150.00
Credit 1st Jan 1881 for land	20.00	

1 Bond on same party same date due Jan 1st 1881		150.00
		1789.50
Credit 1st Jan 1881 for land	20.00	415.00
		1374.50
1 Bond on W. J. Clark dated 5th April 1877 due 1st Jany 1882		150.00
		1524.50
Credit Jany 1st 1882 for land	20.00	20.00
		$1504.50

Jas S. Woolfolk)
B. D. Mitchell) appraisers
J. T. Noell)
S. H. Wright Adminstratrix

Bedford County to wit:

I M. Davis a Justice of the Peace of the said County, do certify that James S. Woolfolk, James T. Noell and B. D. Mitchell this day came before me in said County and made oath that the foregoing appraisement is correct to the best of their skill and judgment.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of October, 1879

M. David J P

The foregoing inventory examined and found in proper form.

J. E. Wharton Commr. of accounts of Bedford County Court

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office
October 28th 1879

This Inventory of the personal property belonging to the estate of J. Edward Wright deceased, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C.
A Copy Teste,
John M. Speece D. Clk."

On February 4, 1880, Sarah H. Wright, the widow of J. E. Wright, filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 3168, for an allocation of dower to her and an accounting and order for payment of debts:

> "To the Honorable G A Wingfield Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County Humbly complaining shew unto your Honor your oratrix Sarah H. Wright administratrix of J E Wright deceased, respectfully represents that in August 1879 the Said J E Wright departed this life leaving Surviving him your oratrix (his widow) and the following infant children and heirs at law to wit Bettie W Wright Pearle Wright Wm W Wright John E Wright Maud S. Wright and Elmore Wright; That at the August term of the County Court of Bedford County your oratrix qualified as administratrix of the estate of the Said J E Wright deceased, your oratrix further represents that there was but little property that came into her hands as admx of said Estate, scarcely more than what she would be entitled to under the poor law, as she is advised; that there are a large number of debts against the Estate of the Said J E Wright, and that she can not Safely administrater the assets of said Estate without invoking the aid of a Court of Equity to convene the creditors of said Estate, and pay them according to their respective rights. Your oratrix further represents that the Said J. E. Wright, at the time of his death, had an equitable interest in a tract of land of about 200 acres Situated on the North Side of Bedford County; That there is a balance due of purchase money on the said tract of land of about $800 your oratrix further represents that the Said J E Wright in his life time sold off to one W J. Clark a portion of the original tract (about 90 acres), and that the amount due from Said Clark is nearly or quite sufficient to pay off the said $800: Your oratrix asks that dower be assigned her out of the 200 acres after the venders lien has been paid off.
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> To the end, therefore, that justice may be done in the premises, and for as much as your oratrix is remediless save in a court of Equity where such matters are peculiarly cognizable, she prays that Bettie W Wright, Pearle Wright Wm W Wright John E Wright Maud S. Wright and Elmore Wright infant children of your oratrix and the Said J E Wright deceased, may by proper process be made parties defendants to this bill, and required by their guardian ad litem to answer the charges allegations and things hereof as particularly as if they were here repeated and be specially interrogated thereto, order an account of debts to be taken against the estate of the said J. E. Wright, permit your oratrix to settle ____ may be in your oratrix's hands as admx of said Estate to be paid out to the creditors of said Estate according to her respective rights, Order Commissioners to assign dower to your oratrix out of her husbands Estate after the venders lien shall have been paid off and satisfied; order, if it can be done, the money arising from the sale to the Said Clark to be applied to the payment of the venders lien on the said 200 acres of land, and grant such others

further and general relief as the nature of her case requires and Equity and good conscience may dictate and in duty bound your oratrix will will ever pray

Griffin & Lowry
p.q

Sarah H. Wright
admx of J E Wright dcd"

This record identifies the family of 1879 James E. Wright of Bedford County as follows:

Wife: Sarah E. Wright

Children:
1) Bettie W. Wright,
2) Pearle Wright,
3) William W. Wright,
4) John E. Wright,
5) Maude S. Wright, and
6) Elmore Wright.

On March 4, 1880, the court in File 3168 ordered an accounting for the estate of James E. Wright.

"At Bedford Circuit Court, March 4th 1880.

Sarah H. Wright Administratrix of J. E. Wright deceased, Plaintiff
against
Bettie W. Wright, Pearle Wright, William W. Wright, John E. Wright, Maud S. Wright and Elmore Wright, infants under the age of twenty one years, by R. D. Buford, their Guardian at litem Defendants.

This day this cause, which apears to have been regularly matured at the rules and set for hearing, came on to be heard upon the bill of the Complainant, the answer of the infant defendants, by R. D. Buford, their Guardian at litem, to which the plaintiff does not deem it necessary to reply, and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take the following accounts, to wit:

An account of the administration of the estate of J. E. Wright deceased by Sarah H. Wright his Administratrix;

Secondly, an account of the debts due and owing by the estate of the said decedent;

Thirdly, an account of the debts due and owing to the estate of the said decedent; but, before taking said accounts, the said Commissioner shall post notice of the time

at Otterville and at the Courthouse of this County, warning and requiring all creditors of the said decedent's estate to come forward and prove their demands. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that Jacob S. White, C. A. Lupton, John P. Hurt and B. D. Mitchell, who are hereby appointed Commissioner for the purpose, any three of whom may act, do go upon the premises whereof the said J. E. Wright died possessed and lay off, by proper metes and bounds one third part thereof in value as and for the dower of the said Sarah H. Wright: but, in laying off said dower, the said Commissioners are to have reference to the quality and quantity of the land, and make report heeunder for a further decree.

A Copy, Teste,
R. D. Buford, Clk"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Sarah Wright	W	F	33		
Bettie Wright	W	F	12		Daughter
Parl Wright	W	F	10		Daughter
Walter Wright	W	M	8		Son
John Wright	W	M	6		Son
Maude Wright	W	F	4		Daughter
Elmore Wright	W	M	1		Son

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
W		Kepps house		
S		At school		
S		At school		
S				
S				
S				
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Sarah Wright was born in about 1847.

On September 5, 1880, the commissioners in File 3168 allocated the dower interest of Sarah H. Wright:

> "The undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Bedford County at the March Term 1880 to assign dower to Mrs. Sarah H. Wright, widows of J. E. Wright, deceased, respectfully submit the following report. We went upon the lands whereof the said J. E. Wright died seised and possessed, and after having of mind the same carefully, and having reference to quality as well as to quantity. We assign her as and for her dower the following portion of the said estate of the said J. E. Wright, which is bounded as follows To wit; Beginning at a locust on the north side of house & barn at figure 1 on plat S 30 1/4 W 31 1/4 poles to gate post on north side of branch & west of stable at No. 2 Thence S 14 E at xing a branch in all 53 1/2 poles to the Lynchburg road at Jno P Hurt's corner no 3. Thence along road S 70 E 34 poles N 58 1/2 E 21 poles S 69 E 55 poles to the east bank of north Fork Otter a Poplar stump. Thence up Otter N 28 E 15 poles N 1 E 12-1/2 poles N 37 E 611 poles N 6-1/4 W 13- 1/2 poles N 32 W 16 poles N 48 W 21-1/2 poles N 82-1/2 W 13 poles to a large sycamore tree at no 5 Thence leaving Otter S 71-1/4 W 79-1/2 poles to the beginning. Containing in all 50 3/4 acres. And valued at $23.00 per acre total amount $1167.25 cts. This portion of her dower contains the mansion house, and all other houses of any importance on the farm. And there being no timber or wood land joining the above dower, we assign her as and for her dower, all of that portion of wood land lying to the South side of main Road leading from Otterville to Lynchburg and joining the lands of C. A. Lupton. Begininning at a large Red Oak at figure 1 on plat. Thence N 68 W 16 poles & 16 links to a dead chestnut at No 2 in Luptons line S 13 W 65 poles to a larger White Oak at No. 3 S. 80 E. 94 poles to a last corner at No. 4 N 12 E 25-1/4 poles to the Road at No. 5. Thence along the same N 79 W 44 poles N 33-1/2 W 29 poles N 9 W 23, thence leaving the Road S 41 W 9-1/2 poles to the beginning. Containing 22 1/2 acres and valued at $7.00 per acre. Total amount $157.50 cts This lot contains no dwellings or any

other house, and is very thinly timbered and naturally thin land. Respectfully submitted, and given under our hands this the 5" day of September 1880.

Witness as to
B. D. Mitchell
W. M. Quarles,

J. Sam. White
his
B. D. X Mitchell
mark
John _. Hurt

Bedford County, to wit:"

On March 10, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 10/244 in the case of John A. Wright v. the estate of James E. Wright the plaintiff dismissed his suit:

"John A. Wright, Plaintiff
against
Sarah H. Wright Administratrix of James E.
Wright deceased Defendant

The Plaintiff, by his Counsel, says, that he will not further prosecute this suit; it is therefore ordered, that it be dismissed."

On September 1, 1881, the court in File 3168 found that the estate of J. E. Wright was in debt and that the real estate less the dower interest should be sold to pay the debts:

"Wrights admx
vs) Note for a decree
Wright &c

This day this cause on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, the report of J. Lawrence Campbell, exceptions thereto and was answered by counsel. Upon consideration whereof the Court not at this time passing upon said report doth recommend the same to the said commissioners with instructions to retake state and settle the accounts heretofore ordered in accordance with any new facts that may be brought before him; and it appearing to the court from said report that there is a large balance due and owing by the estate of the said J. E. Wright, and that a sale of the same estate is necessary to satisfy this balance, it doth, therefore, adjudge order and decree that S. Griffin & H. E. Lowry, who are hereby appointed special commissioners for the purpose, do, after they shall have advertised the time place and terms of sale in such manner and for such length of time as they, on the one acting, may deem necessary to give general publicity thereto, sell on the premises the real estate belonging to the estate of J. E. Wright, deceased, (except the dower) supposed to be about 128 3/4 acres, on the following terms to wit, cash in hand sufficient to pay costs of suit, and expenses of sale, and the balance upon a

credit of one, two, and three years, the purchaser to give bond with good personal security carrying interest from day of sale, and containing waiver of homestead exemption, and make report hereunder for a further decree But it being suggested to the court that one Joshua W. Thomas holds the legal title to the land herein ordered to be sold, and that there is a balance of purchaser money due on said bond, it doth, therefore, order that the said commissioners shall not execute this decree, until the said Thomas shall have filed with the papers in this cause a deed conveying all the land sold by him to the said J. E. Wright in his lifetime with the usual covenants of general warranty, quiet and peaceable enjoyment &c with the relinquishment of his wife's contingent right of dower, to the heirs of the said J. E. Wright, subject, however, to the right of dower of the widow of the said J. E. Wright; and with the said deed the said Thomas is to file an account of the balance due, whether held by him or his assignee"

After February 24, 1882, in File 3168 H. C. Lowry reported to the court that Sarah H. Wright had purchased the remainder interest in the land:

"Wright, admx
vs) Commissioner's Report
Wright &c.

The undersigned one of the commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Bedford County to make sale of a portion of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned respectfully submits the following report after advertising the time, place and terms of sale as prescribed by the decree, he offered for sale on the premises on the 24th day of February 1882, one hundred and eighty eight acres, and Mrs. Sarah H. Wright being the highest bidder became the purchaser at the price of $7.53 per acre she paid seventy five dollars cash and executed three bonds of $445 each with W J Clark as surety, the bonds are herewith returned with this report

Amt. of cash payment		$75.00
1/2 commissions on purchase ___	$18.60	
Handbills	2.53	
Legal fee & unit tax	16.50	
J S Campbell afc.	12.60	
1/2 commissions on $859.79	13.09	
	$63.29	$63.29
Bal cash in hands of comr.		$11.71

Vouchers are herewith returned with their report

All of which is respectfully submitted

H C Lowry Comr.

1882 June 15th Received of the Clerk of Bedford Circuit Court the bonds mentioned within

H C Lowry Comr.
Receiver"

On May 27, 1882, in File 3168 the court confirmed the sale on credit to Sarah H. Wright:

"Wright's admx
vs) Note for a decree
Wright &c.

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, the report of sale made by H C Lowry Commissioner to which report there are no exceptions and was argued by counsel: Upon consideration whereof the court approving doth confirm said report and it appearing by a paper filed in this cause the 6 day of Sep 1880 that Mrs. Sarah H. Wright, the purchaser of the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, holds by assignment from Joshua O Thomas, the vendors on a portion of the land sold to her as aforesaid which amounted to the sum of $855.79 on the day of sale to wit the 24th day of February 1882, the Court doth, therefore, adjudge order and decree that the bonds of the said Mrs. Sarah H Wright. Executed by her for the purchase of the land aforesaid, be credited by the said sum of $855.79 as of the 24th day of February 1882; and the court doth further adjudge order and decree, that H. C. Lowry, who is hereby appointed a receiver for the purpose, do withdraw the bonds filed with his said report and after giving the credit aforesaid collect the residue when it becomes due or before if the obligor desires to pay, and deposit the money so collected in the Liberty Savings Bank to the credit of this suit, taking therefor an interest bearing certificate and file the same with the papers in this cause, but before acting under this decree the said receiver shall enter into bond in the penalty of eight hundred dollars before the clerk of this court conditioned according to law. And the court doth further order that the deed from Joshua W. Thomas to the heirs of J E Wright be withdrawn from the papers in this cause by the administratrix of J E Wright, deceased, and put the same on record in the clerk's office of the county court of Bedford, and that the cost be paid out of the estate of the said J. E. Wright"

On November 30, 1882, in File 3168 the court found the suit satisfied and ordered the case closed:

"At Bedford Circuit Court, November 30th 1882

William Graves Plaintiff
against
W. M. Wright Defendant.

This cause came on this day to be further heard upon the papers formerly read, and was argued by Counsel, on consideration whereof, and it appearing that the original purchase money for the tract of land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, was secured by a series of six bonds, of which the 1st matured 1st January 1874, was fully paid by the defendant W. M. Wright while the second and third are merged in the judgment exhibit A with the bill against W. M. & J. E. Wright, and the fourth and fifth maturing on the first January 1877, and first January 1878, are merged in the judgment against W. M. Wright exhibit B, and the sixth maturing 1st January 1879 is filed as exhibit C, and that J. E. Wright, was surety for the said W. M. Wright on the first, second, and third bonds in said series, and no personal security was taken for the fourth, fifth, and sixth instalments of said purchase money, and the court being of opinion that the partial payments shown by the answer of W. M. Wright and the exhibits therewith should be credited as they were applied, or directed to be applied by the defendant at the time they were made, and that if no application was made or directed to be made at the time, that the plaintiff has the right to apply them to that part of the debt for which there is no security, and it appearing from a statement marked YY filed with the papers of the cause, and made out in pursuance of the foregoing opinion, and that there will remain due the plaintiff William Graves of the original purchase money after applying the partial payments claimed in the answer of W. M. Wright as above directed, and also the net proceeds of the said tract of land, the sum of One thousand four hundred and twenty dollars and ninety six cents, with interest on one thousand three hundred and seventy dollars, apart thereof from the 9th September 1881 until paid, and nine dollars, and fifteen cents the costs of the Judgment at law, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that the net amount of the proceeds of the said sale, to wit, two thousand seven hundred and twenty four dollars and eighty nine cents, be and it is applied as shown by said statement YY to the satisfaction of that portion of the plaintiffs debt, for which there was no personal security and to the interest of that portion on which J. E. Wright was surety, and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that the plaintiff have leave to withdraw the certificate of deposit No 3282, for sixty three dollars, and twenty four cents on the Liberty Savings Bank dated 10th September 1881 returned by Commissioner W. S. Graves' report of sale, and to collect the same and out of the proceeds that he pay the costs of this suit, and that W. S. Graves who is hereby appointed a special Commissioner for that purpose, do by proper deed with special warranty convey the said tract of land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned to the said William Graves in fee simple, and the objects of this such having been accomplished, it is ordered to be stricken from the docket with liberty to any party interested in apply to the Court

by motion for any order which may be necessary to give effect to this or any other order made therein.

A Copy,
Test,
John M. Speece, Clerk"

The marriage record of William H. Arrington and Sallie H. Wright was dated July 15, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, William H. Arrington and Sallie H. Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 12th day of July 1883

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, July 15th 1883
Place of Marriage, Bedford Co. Va.
Full Names of Parties Married, William H. Arrington & Sallie N. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 40 years
Age of Wife, 36
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) widowed
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single) widowed
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Names of Husband's Parents, David & Nancy S Arrington
Names of Wife's Parents, Nicholas & Elizabeth Anderson
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 12th day of July 1883

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify, That on the 15th day of July 1883, at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Wright I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

John Ruff"

The will of John A. Wright dated May 5, 1884, and probated on August 23, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/300 listed James E. Wright, deceased, as one of his children:

". . . . Item Second. I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary F. Beard one hundred and fifty four and sixteen one hundredths acres of my land, composed of the following tracts, to wit: . . . . to be held by her during her life and in case she dies without issue living at her death shall pass equally to William M. Wright, George D. Wright and the children of James E. Wright deceased, per stirpes:
. . . .

Item 7th. I will and bequeath the stock owned by me in the Atlantic, Pacific and Rail Road Tunnel Company to my three children G. D. Wright, William M. Wright, Mary F. Beard and the children of James E. Wright deceased, to be taken and held by the per stirpes:
. . . ."

In November 1884 in File 3168 the Court noted Sarah E. Wright's marriage and appointed J. E. Fitzpatrick as administrator:

"Nov Term 1884

Wrights' Admx
vs
Wright &c

Sarah H. Wright, the plaintiff in this cause, having intermarried with William H. Arrington, and her power as administratrix of J. E. Wright deceased being thereby revoked, that fact is ordered to be suggested on the record. And on the motion of John E. Fitzpatrick, sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator de bonis non, of the said J. E. Wright, deceased it is ordered that this suit be revived, and be hereafter proceeded with, in his name as administrator de bonis non, of said estate.

And on the motion of the said J. E. Fitzpatrick sheriff and comr as aforesaid, leave is given him to join his name and Bill & Bill of Receiver which he filed accordingly, and the same is remanded to the Bill, for process and proceedings thereto."

On May 26, 1885, in File 3186 William H. Arrington and his wife Sarah H. Arrington filed their joint answer to the complaint:

"The Joint answer of Wm H Arrington and Sarah H his wife to an amended bill and bill of reviver in the chancery suit of "Wrights admr against Wright &c", now pending in the circuit courts of Bedford County

These defendants for answer to the said amended bill and bill of reviver say that the statements made in said bill are true so far as they know and believe, Except the statement that bonds and other choses in action came into the hands of the female defendant, which have not been accounted. This defendant Says that through mistake that these bonds were appraised as the property of J E Wright deceased. When in point of fact they belonged to the partnership concern of J A and J E Wright, which had been formed many years before the death of the said J E Wright, and did not terminate until his death, and while the most if not all the bonds were taken in the name of J E Wright yet they were enure to the benefit of the said partnership concern. This partnership extended to farming operations trading in horses, cattle sheep and hogs and in fact in everything. Further answering this defendant says that the account taken by Commissioners Campbell is correct she believes, and the small balance in her hands, will not be sufficient to pay counsel fees. And now having fully answered these defendants may be hence dismissed &c

Bedford County to wit

This day the above named parties Wm A. Arrington and Sarah A. Arrington his wife, came before me and made oath that the statements made in the above answer are true to the best of their knowledge and belief. Given under my hand the 20th day of May 1885

R B ____ JP."

On May 13, 1887, in File 3168 an agreed upon statement of facts was filed:

"Office of John M. Speece,
Clerk of Bedford Circuit Court, and Notary Public,
P.O. Lock Box 24.
Liberty, Va. 188

In the suit of Wright's Admx vs Wright pending in the Circuit Court Of Bedford County, in reference to the debt of Wm. Graves known therein it is admitted that on the 1st day of January, 1873, Wm. Graves sold to W. M. Wright land in Bedford

County to be paid for in six annual instalments taking bonds therefor, that on the bonds one at 2 and 3 years respectively after date he gave J. E. Wright as surety and on the other bonds there was no surety; that said Graves retained the title to the land as a security for the deferred payments -- that the first bond was paid off by Wright, and all subsequent payments were audited as shown by statement YY & decree in suit of Graves vs Wright, copies of which are filed in this suit -- that said land was resold in suit of Graves vs Wright, that the proceeds of the resale were applied as shewn in said statement & Decree, that there was a large deficiency of the original purchase price & that J. E. Wright was not a party to the suit of Graves vs Wright. Given under our hands this May 13/87.

Griffin & Lowry
Counsel for Estate of J. E. Wright
Marks & Marks, attys for
Wm. Graves, Exor"

On August 15, 1887, in File 3168 the remainder interest in the lands of J. E. Wright was offered for sale:

"Auction Sale of Two Small
Tracts of Land
Near Otterville.

As Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, acting under a decree made at May Term, 1887, in the chancery suit of "Wright's admr. vs. Wright, &c., we will offer for sale at Public Auction, at Otterville, at 11 o'clock A. M. on

Friday, September the 16th, 1887,

the reversion of the heirs of J. E. Wright, dec'd, in two small tracts of land which were assigned to his widow for dower in his real estate.

One of these tracts contains 50 3/4 acres, and has on it a good Dwelling-House and all necessary out houses and is in good state of cultivation. The other tract contains 22 1/2 acres and is chiefly wood land. The two tracts will be sold together or separately, as purchasers may desire. These lands are sold subject to the life-estate therein of the widow of J. E. Wright, dec'd.

Terms:

$40 of the purchase money will be required in cash, and for the residue credits will be allowed of one, two and three years for equal instalments thereof to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser with good personal security, bearing interest from

date of sale, and containing a waiver of the homestead exemption, and further by retention of legal title until the whole of the purchase money is paid.

These terms must be complied with as soon as the property is cried out.

H. C. Lowry,)
M. P. Burks,) Commissioners.

Aug. 25, 1887. [Please post.]

Virginia:--In Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office, August 25th, 1887.

I hereby certify that the above named commissioners have given bond and security as required by the above decree.

Teste,
John M. Speece, Clerk."

On September 16, 1887, in File 3168 the commissioners reported the sale of the remainder interest to Sarah H. Arrington:

"Wrights Admr) Report of sale by H. C. Lowry &
vs) M. P. Mark, Comrs.
Wright & Others) Chr Term 1887

As Commissioners acting under decree made in this cause at May Term, 1887, after one advertizement by handbills posted & circulated in this county, and especially in the neighborhood of the land, we went to Otterville, the place of sale advertized, on the 16th day of September, 1887, for the purpose of selling, on the terms mentioned in said decree, the reversion of the heirs of J. E. Wright decd. in the two small tracts of land which had been assigned as dower to his widow, but we found no bidders present. After some negotiations, however, we succeeded in making private sale of said reversion to Mrs. Sarah H. Arrington at the price of $5.00 per acre. The terms of sale were $40.00 cash, bal. in 1, 2 & 3 years, equal instalments, secured by bonds, with good security, bearing interest from date, sh. retaining title till all the purchase money was paid. Mrs. Arrington complied with terms as per memo below.

73 1/4 acres of land @ $5.00 per acre		$366.25
cash payment	$ 40.00)	
1st bond @ 1 year, int. from date, W. H. & Wesley	)	
Arrington, sureties	108.75)	
2nd bond @ 2 years, int. from date,	)	
W. H. & Wesley Arrington, sureties	108.75)	

3rd bond @ 3 years, int. from date,		)	
W. H. & Wesley Arrington, sureties	108.75	)	$366.25

The cash payment was expended as follows, to wit:

By cash payment of Sarah H. Arrington		$ 40.
To paid R. K. Campbell for handbills	$ 1.50	
To coms on $366.25 @ 5 1/2%	16.32	
To paid Jno. P. Goggin, Auctioneer attending sale to cry property	5.	
To paid R. D. Buford, Clerk's fee-bill	3.66	
To paid J. E. Fitzpatrick Shff's fee-bill	4.60	
To paid C. W. Maupin N. P. fee-bill	1.50	
To paid Jno. M. Speece part Clerks fee-bill	7.42	
	$ 40.00	$ 40.00

We return herewith above mentioned bonds, copy of advertizement & vouchers for all of the above disbursements of cash payment.

The land in which we sold the reversion, as the record shews, consists of two parcels, one - the mansion-house lot - containing 50 3/4 acres, and the other - a piece of wood-land - containing 22 1/2 acres.

Respectfully

Nov T., 1887. H. C. Lowry) Commissioners
M. P. Marks)"

On November 29, 1887, in File 3168 the court found that Sarah H. Arrington was in default in payment of the purchase price:

"At Bedford Circuit Court November 29th 1887.

John E. Fitzpatrick, Sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator de bonis non of J. E. Wright, deceased Plaintiff
against
Bettie W. Wright & others Plaintiffs.

And it appearing from the report of H. C. Lowry, Receiver, filed at the last term of this court, that Sarah H. Arrinton, the wife of William H. Arrington, is in default in the payment of the purchase money for the tract of land heretofore reported as sold to her under a former decree in this cause, the court doth order that the said William H. Arrington and Sarah H. his wife, after being first served with a copy of so much of this decree as is pertinent thereto, do appear here on the eighth day of the present

term of this court and shew cause if any they or either of them can, why said land shall not be resold at the risk of the said Sarah H. Arrington for her said default,"

Extract, Teste,
John M. Speese, Clk."

The court in File 3168 then ordered a resale of the land:

"Wright's Admx)
vs) Note for Decree
Wright &c)

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the amended Bill and Bill of revivor of the complainant J. E. Fitzpatrick Administrator de bonis non of J. E. Wright, deceased, the answer thereto of Wm. H. Arrington and Sarah H. his wife (who was Sarah H. Wright) and general replication to said answer and on the report of Commissioner J. L. Campbell, filed April 12, 1887, and the exception to said report by the administrator of J. E. Wright deceased and was argued by counsel; On consideration whereof the Court doth overrule said exception and doth approve and confirm said report.

And the Court being now asked to decide the question as to the liability of the land purchased by W. J. Clark to the payment of the judgment of Wm. Graves proven in this cause, is of opinion and doth decide that said land is liable to the lien of said judgment to the extent that the said Clark has not paid the purchase money therefor, to wit, for the sum of $771.85 with legal interest on the several parcels thereof as shewn by the report of Commissioner J. Laurence Campbell filed amongst the papers in this cause on the 29th day of August 1881, and doth therefore adjudge, order & decree that the Sarah H. Arrington the former Administratrix of J. E. Wright decd., do surrender and deliver up to M. P. Burks, who is hereby appointed a Receiver to collect the same, the bonds of said W. J. Clark mentioned and described in said last-mentioned report of Commissioner J. Laurence Campbell, and that said Burks proceed forthwith by suit or otherwise to collect said bonds, and when and as collected that he pay over the proceeds of said collections to Robert B. Claytor Exor. of the last will & testament of Wm. Graves deceased in satisfaction pro tanto of the judgment of said Graves proven in this suit; and on the payment of the full amount of said bonds that the said M. P. Burks, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do, by proper deed with special warranty, convey to said W. J. Clark the tract of 90 acres of land in the bill mentioned as sold to said Clark by J. E. Wright in his lifetime. But said Burks shall not act as such Receiver until he shall have first entered into bond with good security to be approved by the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of $1500- with condition for the faithful discharge by him of his duties as such receiver.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that unless within sixty days from the adjournment of this Court, the heirs of J. E. Wright decd do pay to the several creditors mentioned in the reports aforesaid of Commissioner Campbell (except Graves, Executor) the amounts of their respective debts set forth in said reports, then the reversion of said heirs in the tract of land allotted as Dower to the widow of J. E. Wright deceased be sold, and that H. C. Lowry and M. P. Burks who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose, either one or both of whom may act, do make such sale at public auction on the terms prescribed by the Rule of this Court made at its September Term 1877. But before making such sale, said Commissioners or the one acting shall first advertize the time, terms & place of such sale in such manner and for such length of time as they, or the one acting, may deem necessary to give general notice thereof, and further enter into bond with good security in the penalty of $500- with condition to account for and pay over as the Court may direct the cash payment received by them or him. And said Commissioners, or the one acting, shall make report of their or his proceedings hereunder to this Court for further decree.

And it appearing from the report of H. C. Lowry Receiver, this day filed in this cause, that Sarah H. Arrington (who was Sarah H. Wright) is in default of the payment of her bonds given for the deferred payments on the tract of land heretofore reported as sold to her under a former decree in this cause, the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that the said Sarah H. Arrington after being first served with a copy of so much of this order as is pertained thereto, do appear here on Friday morning next at eleven o'clock and show cause, if any she can, why said tract of land shall not be resold at her risk for her said default."

On November 29, 1887, in File 3168 the court ordered Sarah H. Arrington to show cause why the land should not be sold:

"Wrights Admr)
vs) Note for decree.
Wright & others)

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of H. C. Lowry and M. P. Burks, Commissioners and the bonds and vouchers therewith filed, and on the report of M. P. Burks Receiver the bonds, voucher & agreement therewith filed, to which reports there is no exception and was argued by counsel; on consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm each of said reports & the sale mentioned in said report of commissioners Lowry & Burks and treating the agreement aforesaid as a private sale in trust to Jane G. Lupton of the tract of land, containing about 90 acres, more or less, mentioned in the bill as sold to W. J. Clark, doth confirm the same, and doth adjudge, order & decree that the said M. P. Burks, who is hereby appointed a Receiver for that purpose, do with-draw from the papers in this cause & collect the bond filed with

each of said reports as they severally mature, or before maturity, if the obligors elect so to pay, and that he pay over such collections from time to time as made by him to R. B. Claytor Executor of Wm Graves, deceased in satisfaction pro tanto of his judgment proves in this cause & make report thereof to this court for further decree. But before acting as such Receiver, the said M. P. Burks, shall first enter into bond with good security to be approved by the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of $1800- with condition for the faithful on charge by him of his duties as such Receiver.

And it appearing from the report of H. C. Lowry, Receiver, filed at the last term of this Court, that Sarah H. Arrington, the wife of William H. Arrington, is in default in the payment of the purchase money for the tract of land heretofore reported as sold to her under a former decree in this cause, the Court doth order that the said William H. Arrington and Sarah H. his wife, after being first served with a copy of so much of this decree as is pertinent thereto, do appear here on the 8th day of the present term of this Court and shew cause if any they or either of them can, why said land shall not be resold at the risk of the said Sarah H. Arrington for her said default."

The marriage license of Bettie W. Wright and Robert R. Lazenby dated November 4, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified her as a daughter of James E. Wright and Sallie Wright and her age as 21 and born in Bedford County, Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1868.

On February 24, 1890, Sarah H. Arrington, formerly Sarah H. Wright, and William H. Arrington formed a partnership for the purchase of two interests in land:

"Article of agreement made and Entered into this 24th day of Febry. 1890, between Sarah H. Arrington (formerly Sarah H. Wright widow of J. E. Wright decd) party of the 1st part and W. H. Arrington, party of the second part: Whereas the party of the first part, became the purchaser at judicial sales made by M. P. Burks & H. C. Lowry Coms. in the chancery suit of Wrights admr. for &c vs Wright &c of a tract of 188 acres and also of the reversion of the heirs of J. E. Wright decd, in the tract of 73 1/4 acres and being desirous of raising funds to pay balance of purchase money still due or to become due on said land. Now this agreement witnesseth, that for and in consideration of Eleven hundred & fifty-dollars, of which over $500.00 has been paid & the balance to be hereafter paid by said W. H. Arrington, to said Coms., she the said party of the first part doth hereby sell unto said W H. Arrington one-third interest in and to the two tracts of land above mentioned & hereby binds herself to make or cause to be made to said W H. Arrington, a good sufficient deed to said one-third interest, wherever he shall complete the the payment of the balance of said Eleven hundred & fifty-dollars to said comrs.

Witness following signatures & seals

Sarah H. Arrington
W. H. Arrington"

The death record of Pearl Wright, daughter of J. E. and S. H. Wright, was dated on June 15, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Place of Death: Bedford County, Virginia
Name of Deceased: Pearl Wright
Race: White
Sex: Female
Age: 20
Date of Death: June 15, 1890
Place: Bedford
Cause of Death: Fever
Names of Parents: J. E. & S. H. Wright
Birthplace of Deceased: Bedford
Relation of Informant: Mother
Commissioner of the Revenue: B. F. Key
Date Record Filed: Between 1890 & 1896"

The death record of W. W. Wright, son of J. E. and S. H. Wright, was dated on May 15, 1891, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"Place of Death: Bedford County, Virginia
Name of Deceased: W. W. Wright
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 19
Date of Death: May 15, 1891
Place: Bedford
Cause of Death: Fever
Names of Parents: J. E. & S. H. Wright
Birthplace of Deceased: Bedford
Name of Informant: S. H. Wright
Relation of Informant: Mother
Commissioner of the Revenue: B. F. Key
Date Record Filed: Between 1891 & 1896"

In May 1891 in File 3168 the receiver filed his report that the reversion in the land be conveyed to William H. and Sarah H. Arrington as partners:

"Wright's Admr.)
v.) Report of M. P. Burks, Receiver.
Wright &c.) May Term, 1891.

Since my last report as Receiver in this case, I have made the following collections and disbursements:

1890.			
Sept. 20	Amt. bal.due above on 2d bond S.H. Arrington		$13.35
	Int. till Sept.20,1890		.46
	3d bond-principal	$108.75	$13.81
	Int.Sep.16/87 till Sep20/90	19.64	$123.39
			$142.20
Sept. 20	By cash of Wm.H. Arrington		$142.20
Sept. 22	To paid R.B. Claytor, Exor.Wm.Graves		$142.20
		$142.20	$142.20

I return herewith voucher for the above disbursement, and also return an agreement between Sarah H. Arrington and her husband, Wm H. Arrington, at the request of the parties thereto. In pursuance of this agreement, the purchasers request that the Court will direct title to the land in the said agreement mentioned to be conveyed to the parties thereto in the proportion of one-third to the said Wm. H. Arrington, and two-thirds to the said Sarah H. Arrington. All of the purchase money for the reversion in the Dower tract of 73 1/4 land has been paid in full, and the purchaser is entitled to a deed.

Mrs. Jane W. Lupton executed three bonds for the sum of $200. each, dated Sep. 17, 1887, payable respectively at one, two, and three years after date, with interest from date, as appears from a former report in this cause. These bonds are in the hands of your Receiver for collection, under a former decree made in this cause. Nothing has been paid thereon, except $150. paid May 12, 1890; she is in default for the residue.

May/91 Respectfully,
M. P. Burks Recr"

On November 2, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 14/450 in the case of Sarah H. Wright v. the heirs of J. E. Wright the court approved the report of the commissioners:

"Sarah H Wright, Admx of J E Wright decd. Plaintiff
against
Bettie W. Wright and others Defendants

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, the report of H. C. Lowry, Commissioner to which report there are no exceptions and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the Court approving doth confirm said report"

On February 15, 1893, in File 3168 the court found that Jane G. Lupton was in default on her purchase money:

"At Bedford Circuit Court Feby 13th 1893

John E. Fitzpatrick Sheriff of Bedford County and as such administrator de bonis non of J. E. Wright deceased Plaintiff
against
Bettie W. Wright and others Defendants

This day M. P. Burks Receiver appointed to collect the bonds of Jane G. Lupton filed his report in this cause; and it appearing from said report that the said Jane G. Lupton is in default in the payment of said bonds in the sum of three hundred and eighty seven dollars and twenty six cents with interest on two hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty five cents a part thereof from the 14th day of Feby 1893 until payment, it is ordered that the said Jane G. Lupton after being first served with a copy of this order do appear here on the 15th day of the present term of this Court and shew cause if any she can, why the land heretofore reported as sold to her should not be resold at her risk for her said default

A copy Teste
John M Speece Clerk.

Executed Feb. 22nd 1893 On Jane G. Lupton by delivering to her a true copy of the within Rule

P. L. Huddleston S.B.C."

The marriage license of Maud S. Wright and Willie Hatcher dated January 24, 1898, identified her as a daughter of J. E. Wright and Sally Arrington and her age as 21 and born in Bedford County, Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1877.

The marriage license of John E. Wright and Hattie S. Overstreet dated February 28, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, identified him as a son of Edward Wright and Sarah H.

Arrington and his age as 23 and born in Bedford County, Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1875.

On June 3, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 16/528 in the case of Sarah H. Wright v. the heirs of James E. Wright the court approved the sale of real property to W. J. Clark:

> "Sarah H. Wright Administratrix of J. E. Wright
> deceased Plaintiff
> against
> Bettie W. Wright Pearl Wright, William W. Wright,
> John E. Wright, Maud S. Wright and Elmore Wright,
> infants under the age of twenty one years, by
> R. D. Buford, their Guardian ad litem Defendants
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> This day this cause came on to be finally heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of M. P. Burks Receiver and the vouchers and platt and survey therewith filed, to which report there is no exception and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm said report and the disbursements therein mentioned; and it appearing from said report that Jennie G. Lupton has completed the payment of all the purchase money agreed to be paid by her for the tract of about Ninety acres of land mentioned in the bill as sold to W. J. Clark, and which Clark had contracted to sell to her, and that she is now entitled to deed for said land, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that M. P Burks, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do convey said tract of land, according to the metes and bounds, courses and distances set forth in the plat and survey returned with said report, to the said Jennie G. Lupton, or to whom she may appoint. And all of the objects for which this suit was instituted having been attained; it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket with Liberty reserved to the parties respectively to apply hereafter on reasonable notice for any further order or decree which may be necessary to carry out and give full force and effect to this or any former order or decree entered in this cause."

On April 14, 1900, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 79/49 Graham Claytor, as commissioner for the estate of James E. Wright, executed a deed for 22 1/2 acres of land to John M. White:

> "This Deed made this 14th day of April, 1900, between Graham Claytor, Commissioner, of the first part, and John M. White, of the second part;
>
> Whereas in the Chancery suit of Lazenby v. Arrington, pending in Bedford Circuit Court Graham Claytor was, at the May term, 1895, appointed a Commissioner to make sale of the tract of land hereinafter mentioned;

And whereas in pursuance of said decree, said land was sold at public auction, at which Sale one W. C. Lazenby became the purchaser, and executed his bonds for the purchase money And whereas afterwards, by contract filed among the papes in this cause, the said Lazenby transferred his purchase to the said John M. White; And whereas said John M. White afterwards paid off in full the purchase money due upon said land, and said Claytor was, by decree entered May 27, 1899, appointed a Special Commissioner to convey said land to the said White;

Now, Therefore, this deed witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and of the further consideration of Five Dollars, in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he, the said Graham Claytor, Commissioner, doth hereby convey with covenants of Special warranty unto the said John M. White all that certain tract or parcel of land containing 22-1/2 acres, situated in the County of Bedford, near Lone Pine, adjoining the lands of said John M White David Mitchell and others, and being the same land formerly owned by J. E. Wright.

Witness the following signature and seal

Graham Claytor Coms.

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit

I, J. Lawrence Campbell, a Commissioner in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, hereby certify that Graham Claytor, Commissioner, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing bearing date the 14th day of April, 1900, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 14th day of April, 1900

J. Lawrence Campbell
Comr in Chy &c

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 14th 1900

This Deed from Graham Claytor, Commissioner, to John M. White, conveying real estate, being produced in said office, certified, is admitted to record.

Teste.
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

Our Kin stated that James Edward Wright was a son of John Asher Wright and Sibyl (Craft) Wright, was born in March 1838, married Sallie H. Anderson, and died on August 18, 1879.

In her letter dated November 30, 1992, Mrs. Katharine Williams enclosed a copy of D.A.R. Application No. 287409 for Mabel Wright Ballard dated October 10, 1934, which stated that James E. Wright was a son of John A. Wright and Sibyl (Craft) Wright, was born about 1830, married Sallie H. Anderson, and died on August 22, 1882, that Sallie H. (Anderson) Wright died on August 20, 1922, and that James E. Wright and Sallie H. (Anderson) Wright had the following child:

1) John Edward Wright, born on June 9, 1875.

iii. 1866 Joseph G. Wright Of Bedford County

1866 Joseph G. Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed Joseph G. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 20, occupation farm laborer, and born in Virginia.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for Joseph G. Wright in the Wright Family Cemetery:

"Joseph G.
son of
John A. & Sibyl Wright
May 20, 1840
August 8, 1866"

iv. 1863 Solomon G. Wright Of Bedford County

1863 Solomon G. Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed Solomon C. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Solomon C. (G.?) Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 15, his occupation as farm laborer, and born in Virginia.

2nd Virginia Cavalry stated that Solomon G. Wright was born on February 7, 1845, at Bedford County, Virginia, enlisted in March 1863, was wounded in action at Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863, died of disease at Berryville on July 20, 1863, and was buried at the Wright Cemetery between Kelso's Mill and Pennicks, Bedford County, Virginia.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for Solomon G. Wright in the Wright Family Cemetery:

"Solomon G.
son of
John A. & Sibyl Wright
February 7, 1845
July 20, 1863"

The Peaks of Otter - Life and Times stated that:

"Three sons of John A. Wright served in the Confederat army. One, Solomon C. Wright, enlisted and joined company A of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry in March of 1863. Two months later he was badly wounded in the battle of Chancellorville. He died in July."

v. 1890 George Delaraine Wright Of Bedford County, His Wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty" (Pannill) Wright, And His Descendants

1890 George Delaraine Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed George D. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 3 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Geo D. Wright in the John A. Wright household and his age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

The marriage record of George Deloraine Wright and Elizabeth E. Pannill was dated on November 7 or 11, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Mr Quarles

Pleas give Mr GD Wright a marriage licence

M A Panill

Nov 6-74

Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia George Deloraine Wright and Elizabeth E. Pannill

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 6th day of November 1874.

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage November 7th 1874
Place of Marriage Bedford County Va.
Full Names of Parties Married George Deloraine Wright & Elizabeth E. Pannill
Color White
Age of Husband 26 years
Age of Wife 24 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single

Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth Botetourt County Va.
Place of Wife's Birth ____ County Va
Place of Husband's Residence Bedford County Va
Place of Wife's Residence Bedford County Va
Names of Husband's Parents John A. & Cybil C. Wright
Names of Wifes Parents William & Mildred A. Pannill
Occupation of Husband Merchant

Given under my hand this 6th day of November 1874

Ro. S. Quarles Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify, That on the 11" day of November 1874 at the residence of Mrs. Mildred A. Pannill I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

E. H. Pirtebeth Wells
Bedford Co Va"

This record indicates that George Delaraine Wright was born in about 1848 in Botetourt County, Virginia, and that Elizabeth E. (Pannill) Wright was born about 1850 probably in Bedford County, Virginia.

On January 12, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 48/395 George D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by John E. Rider to secure a debt of $75 due to William M. Wright.

The birth record of Harry Wright was dated on August 25, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Harry Wright
Date of Birth:	August 25, 1876
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	G. D. & Bettie Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	G. D. Wright
Relation of Informant:	Neighbor(?)"

On October 11, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 49/285 G. D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by T. W. Pentecost to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen.

On November 29, 1876, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 38/511 G. D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by W. J. Markham to secure a debt due to R. B. Owen.

The birth record of Della P. Wright was dated on March 27, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Della P. Wright
Date of Birth:	March 27, 1878
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	G. D. & Bettie A. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Merchant
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

On August 8, 1878, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 39/261 G. D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Lewis T. Haslip and Ann E. Haslip to secure a debt due to J. A. and J. E. Wright.

On August 8, 1878, at Botetourt County, Virginia, D.B. 43/45 G. D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by Lewis T. Haslite and Annie E. Haslite to secure a debt due to J. A. Wright and J. E. Wright.

The birth record of Rosella Wright was dated on January 15, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	Rosella Wright
Date of Birth:	January 15, 1880
Place of Birth:	Central District
Parents:	G. D. & Bettie Wright
Father's Occupation:	Merchant
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Geo. D. Wright with the following household:

Month

Name	Color	Sex	Age	of Birth	Relationship
Geo. D. Wright	W	M	31		
M. E. Wright	W	F	26		Daughter
Harry Wright	W	M	4		Son
Della Wright	W	F	2		Daughter
G. D. Wright Jr.	W	M	1/12	May	Son
Alfred Blake	B	M	22		Servant
Nannie Goff	B	F	18		Servant
Ellen Goff	B	F	13		Servant
James E. Turpin	W	M	22		Boarder
[Missing line]					

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Merchant		
M		Keeps house		
S				
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Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Geo. D. Wright was born in about 1849 and that M. E. Wright was born in about 1854.

On April 26, 1881, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 53/551 G. D. Wright signed a release of a prior deed of trust as part of the execution of a deed of trust by Joseph M. Padgett to secure a debt due to John D. Gibbs.

On November 9, 1882, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 55/352 G. D. Wright, C. W. Wharton, and Samuel M. Bolling purchased a tract of land from George A. Burkholder and Ann B. Burkholder:

> "This Deed made and entered into this the 9" day of November 1882, between George A. Burkholder and Ann B. his wife of the first part and C. W. Wharton, G. D. Wright and Samuel M. Bolling of the second part - Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred dollars cash in hand paid by the parties of the second part to the said Ann B. Burkholder, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the parties of the first part have granted bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain sell and convey unto the parties of the second part with general warranty of title, a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford near the Tow of Liberty, with the improvements thereon and all the appurtenances thereunto in any way belonging or appertaining, said lot being the same lot conveyed by deed from Jno A. Otey to said G. A Burkholder which is of record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book "Y.Y" page 554 & designated as lots Nos 1 & 2 in a plat & survey made by J. E. Wharton for said Otey, with the exception of that part of said property heretofore conveyed by the parties of the first part to Henry V. Jordan by deed of record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book No 54 page 23
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> The property herein conveyed was on the 17" day of December 1880 conveyed to Robert S. Quarles Trustee for said Ann B. Burkholder by the said George A Burkholder, with power reserved in said deed to the said Ann B. Burkholder to charge encumber or dispose of the same as if she were a "feme sole", and the said R. S. Quarles Trustee as aforesaid doth consent to the execution of this deed by the said Ann B. Burkholder evidenced by his signature hereto. Witness the following signatures & seals day & date above written.
>
> G. A. Burkholder
>
> Ann B her X mark Burkholder
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> Ro S Quarles Trustee

State of Va, County of Bedford to wit:

I, S G Stewart a Notary public for the County in the State aforesaid do certify that Ann B Burkholder (the wife of Geo A Burkholder) whose name is signed to the foregoing Deed bearing date Nov. 9" 1882, came personally before me in my County aforesaid, and after haveing the said deed fully explained to her privily & apart from her husband, she acknowledged the same to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand Nov 20th 1882

S G Stewart N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, November 24th 1882.

This Deed from George A. Burkholder and wife and Robert S. Quarles Trustee to C. W Wharton, G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said George A. Burkholder and Robert S. Quarles Trustee, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Saml. H. Quarles, D. Clerk"

On January 5, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 55/450 G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling filed notice of the formation of their limited partnership for the sale of merchandise in Liberty:

"This is to certify to all whom these presents shall come, that we, G D Wright and S M Bolling residing in Liberty Va, have entered into a limited partnership under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 142 of the Code (1873) of Va to be conducted under the name of G. D. Wright, with said G. D. Wright as general partner and the said S. M. Bolling as special partner, who has contributed the sum of $6000 to the common stock of the partnership. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the sale of merchandize and is to be conducted in Liberty, Va, beginning on the 5th day of January 1883 and terminating on the 1st day of January 1884.

Witness our hands and seals this 5th day of January 1883

Teste J. L. Campbell

S. M. Bolling
G. D. Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit:

I, J. L. Campbell, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Bedford County, State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the above named G. D. Wright, the general partner of the firm of "G. D. Wright" referred to in the preceding certificate, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid & made oath that the said sum of money specified therein to have been contributed by the said special partner therein named to the common stock, to wit: The sum of
$6000.-, has been actually paid in cash.

Given under my hand this 10th day of January 1883

J. Lawrence Campbell
Comr. in Chancery

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, J. L. Campbell a Commissioner in Chancery for Bedford Circuit Court, do hereby certify that G. D. Wright & S. M. Bolling whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5th day of January 1883, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 10th day of January, 1883.

J. Lawrence Campbell
Comr in Chy.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 11th 1883.

This Agreement between G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 6, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/89 G. D. Wright and his wife M. E. Wright and others sold two lots of land to Martha J. Tolley:

"Whereas on the 1st August 1879 George A. Burkholder, being indebted to the Building Fund Association in the sum of $__, in order to secure the prompt payment thereof, did convey, by proper deed, of that date - duly recorded in deed book "YY" page 555 in the Clerks office of Bedford County Court - unto R. S. Quarles, R. D. Buford & R. B. Claytor, trustees & their successors in office, two lots of land,

hereafter more fully described in which deed Ann B. wife of said grantor united, which said indebtedness has been long since paid and an order made directing a proper deed of release by said trustees - as evidenced by an extract from the records of said Association and receipt of the Treasurer - hereto appended as part of this deed, and Whereas, afterwards: iz: on the 9th November, 1882,the said Buckholder and Ann B. his wife, by and with the consent of R. S. Quarles trustee in the deed of trust, dated the 17th December 1880 & duly recorded in deed book 53, page 256, in same office - did convey, for valuable consideration with general warranty, unto G. D Wright, C W Wharton and Samuel M. Bolling their entire interest in certain lots, a part of the two lots of land, hereinbefore mentioned, which last deed in recorded in deed book No 55, page 352 in the same office, and whereas the last named grantees have this day sold and bargained their entire interest in the lands, conveyed to them in the last mentioned deed, unto Martha J. Tolley for a valuable consideration and the said Martha J Tolley desiring a clear and perfect title to the property thus purchased by her - Now therefore, this deed made this the 6th of June 1883, between G. D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife, Samuel M. Bolling and Lizzie H his wife, Charles W. Wharton and Estelle his wife, R. S. Quarles, R. D. Buford & R. B. Claytor, trustees under the deed aforesaid of the 1st August 1879 and the said R. S. Quarles, trustee under the deed aforesaid of the 17th December 1880 - all of the first part and said Martha J. Tolley of the second part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and the sum of nine hundred dollars $30. of which is paid cash and the residue secured by notes, the said parties of the first part have bargained and sold and do hereby grant and convey - with covenants of special warranty on the part of said trustees and of general warranty on the part of the other parties of the first part - unto the party of the second part, all their right, title and interest in the lot of land, conveyed in the aforesaid deed of the 9th November 1882, from "Burkholder & ux to Wharton, &c:" The said property being in or near the Corporate limits of the town of Liberty, Virginia, and now occupied by William Evans - it being a portion of the two lots, conveyed by J. A. Otey to said Burkholder by deed, dated 21 July 1879 and duly recorded in deed book "YY" page 554 - in the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court

Witness the following signatures and seals this the day and year above

G. D. Wright
S. M. Bolling
L. H. Bolling
M. E. Wright
C W Wharton
Estelle Wharton
R B Claytor Trustee
R. D Buford, Trustee

Ro. S. Quarles Trustee
Ro. S. Quarles Trustee
of Mrs Burkholder

State of Virginia, County of Bedford to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that G D. Wright, S. M. Bolling C. W. Wharton, R. B. Claytor Trustee and R D Buford Trustee whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 6th day of June 1883, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 6th day of June 1883

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford to-wit:

I, Robert S Quarles a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that M. E. Wright the wife of G. D. Wright, Lizzie H. Bolling the wife of Samuel M. Bolling and Estelle Wharton the wife of C. W. Wharton whose names are signed to the annexed writing, bearing date on the 6th day of June 1883, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands respectively and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said M. E. Wright, Lizzie H Bolling & Estelle Wharton acknowledged the said writing to be their act, and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 6th day of June 1883

Ro. S. Quarles N.P.

(Extract proceedings Board Directors - Dec 6th 1882)

"Messers Wright & Bolling who had purchased the House & Lot of George A Burkholder asked that they be allowed to cancel this debt and that the Board fix the amont to be paid by them

On motion the Board fixed the sum at $119.74/100 upon payment of which and costs of deed of release the Trustees are directed to make a deed of release

I hereby certify that the above amount of $119.74/100 has been paid to me

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In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 6th 1883.

This Deed from G. D. Wright and wife and others to Martha J. Tolley, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by Robert S. Quarles, one of the parties thereto, as Trustee of the Bedford Building Fund Association, and also acknowledged by the said Robert S. Quarles as Trustee for Ann B. Burkholder, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Saml. H Quarles, D.Clk."

On July 12, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/143 G. D. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by John H. and Mary P. Booth.

On October 10, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/445 G. D. and B. E. Wright and S. M. Bolling and L. H. Bolling sold a lot in the Town of Bedford to Eliza P. James:

"This deed made this 10th day of October in the year 1883, between G D. Wright and B. E. Wright his wife, and S. M. Bolling and L. H. Bolling his wife, of the first part, and Eliza P. James of the second part, all of Bedford County, Virginia. Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00/100) to them in hand paid by the said Eliza P. James, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and of the execution by her of three bonds which may be paid at or before maturity, bearing even date herewith to Wright & Bolling, for the sum of Two hundred dollars ($200.00/100) each, payable in one, two & three years after date, respectively, with interest from date, and secured by deed of trust, of even date herewith, on the property hereinafter mentioned & described, the said parties of the first part hereby grant unto the said Eliza P. James, with general warranty, the following real estate, to wit: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situated in the Town of Liberty on Crenshaw Street with the appurtenances thereto appertaining, fully described in deed of Francis W. Robertson to Thomas G. Leftwich, of record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office in D.B. 54 p. 420, to which reference is hereby made for greater certainty - the said land having been conveyed by the said Thomas G. Leftwich to Wright & Bolling by deed bearing date July 26th 1882 & duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County Court in D.B. 55 p. 136. The said parties of the first part covenant that the grantee, her heirs & assigns, shall have quiet possession & enjoyment of the premises; and that they will execute such other & further assurances of the said land as may be requisite to make the title good.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

G. D. Wright
B. E. Wright
S. M. Bolling
L. H. Bolling

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a Notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that G. D. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 10th day of October 1883 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 7th day of December 1883.

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that B. E. Wright the wife of G. D. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 10th day of October 1883, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily & apart from her husband, & having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said B. E. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act & declared that she had willingly executed the same & does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1883.

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to Wit:

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office December 8th 1887

This Deed from G. D. Wright & wife and S. M. Bolling & wife to Eliza P. James conveying real estate was produced in said office & together with the Certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On October 15, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/357 G. D. Wright and others purchased a 1/2 acre lot from J. R. and Lucy F. Webster:

"This deed made this 15th day of October in the year 1883, between J. R. Webster and Lucy F. Webster his wife, parties of the first part, and G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, parties of the second part, all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia.

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Forty one dollars and fifteen cents ($41-15/100) in hand paid to the parties of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said J. R. Webster and Lucy F. Webster, his wife, do grant unto the said G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, with general warranty all that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on the road from Centreville to Liberty, containing one half of an acre be the same more or less, being part of the lot heretofore conveyed by Robert F. Annspaugh and wife to P. P. Lavender Trustee for his wife Martha E. Lavender and since conveyed by said Trustee, by deed bearing date the 14th day of May, 1883, to Lucy F Webster the wife of J. R. Webster, said lot being described in said last mentioned deed as beginning in the middle of the road leading from Liberty to Centreville, being the corner between said P. P. Lavender Trustee as aforesaid and Samuel Woodson, thence along said Woodson's line, S. 76-1/4° E. 338 feet to Turpin's line, thence with Turpin's line North 1-3/4° E. 66-1/2 feet to a stake on said line, thence on a parallel line to the first line North 76-1/4° W. 318 feet to the of the said road from Liberty to Centreville S 18-1/4° W 66-1/2 feet to the beginning, containing about one-half of an acre, according to recent survey made by W. J. Heubard, Deputy Surveyor of Bedford County.

The said parties of the first part covenant that they have power and lawful right to convey the said property; that the same is free from incumbrances; and that they the said parties of the first part, will execute such other and further assurances of the said land as may be requisite to make the title good.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Witness
Z W Wright

his
J. R X Webster
mark
Lucy F. Webster

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a notary public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. R. Webster whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15th day of October, 1883, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 15th day of October, 1883.

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a notary public for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that Lucy F. Webster, the wife of J. R. Webster, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 15th day of October, 1883, personally appeared before me in the County ____ and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Lucy F. Webster, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 15th day of October, 1883.

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 15th 1883, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes, P.M.

This Deed from J. R. Webster and wife to G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, conveying real estate, was produced in said office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 8, 1883, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/411 G. R. Wright and Frances C. Burwell, purchased a parcel of land from Frances C. Burwell and G. A. Wingfield, as executors of the estate of Edward D. Steptoe:

> "This deed made this the 8th day of November, 1883, between Frances C. Burwell and G. A. Wingfield Executor of Edward D. Steptoe decd and as such by operation of law Trustee in the place of his said testator under a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County pronounced on the 10th day of September, 1852, in the cause of Bell, Rucker & Co &c vs Burwell &c," of the first part, and G D Wright and Thomas D. Berry of the second part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sums of thirty five hundred dollars paid and secured as follows, to wit; $200.00 cash the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, One thousand dollars to be assumed and paid for the said Frances C. Burwell to the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Association, so as to discharge and exonerate the said Frances C. Burwell, from all resposibility and liability for the same, and the residue to be paid in three annual payments, with interest from this date, for which the parties have executed their three bonds - two for the sum of $767.00 each, and one for the sum of $766.00 the said Frances C. Burwell by and with the assent of her said Trustee doth grant and convey unto the said G. D. Wright and Thomas D. Berry, all of a certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the town of Liberty Va. and of the metes and bounds, courses and distances following, to wit, Beginning at a stake, corner of Mrs Burwell and L. D. Haymond, thence N 73-3/4° W 15 chains and 34 links to a stake middle of West Street (Tanyard Alley), thence along the middle of said street, or alley S 13° W 7 chains and 86 links to stake in line of rail-road, thence along line of rail-road S 76-3/4° E 13 chains and 98 links to stake in L. D. Haymond's line, thence with his line N 22-1/2° E 7 chains and 35 links to the beginning - being parcel of the land settled on the said Frances C. Burwell by the decree aforesaid, and the lot formerly belonging to the estate of Jos. Wilson decd conveyed to her by James O. Hensley Comr. in suit of "Arthur vs Pate &c" by deed bearing date on 16th day of April, 1873.
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> And the said Frances C. Burwell doth covenant that she will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed, and that she will perpetually keep open as an easement to the property hereby conveyed a street thirty feet wide from the line of Jno A Wharton's land to the first station in the land hereinbefore conveyed, and thence along the entire length of said lot from said first station to the stake aforesaid in West Street
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> And a lien is hereby reserved on said lot or parcel of land to secure the payment of said bonds of Wright & Berry and also to secure the payment of said debt to the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Association if said Wright & Berry should fail to pay the same, & thereby exonerate the said Frances C Burwell. And the said G. A. Wingfield Executor & Trustee as aforesaid by and with the assent of the said Frances C. Burwell, and at her request doth hereby convey into the said G. D.

Wright and Thomas D. Berry all of the right, title and interest in the aforesaid property vested in him by virtue of the decree aforesaid, with special warranty, free of any lien thereon in favor of his testator or of himself as Executor as aforesaid. Witness the following signatures and seals

F C Burwell
G A Wingfield
Executor & Trustee

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, November 10th 1883.

This Deed from Frances C. Burwell and G. A. Wingfield, Executor of Edward D. Steptoe deceased and as such Trustee of the said Frances C. Burwell to G D. Wright and Thomas D. Berry, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, acknowledged by the said Frances C. Burwell and G. A. Wingfield Executor and Trustee as aforesaid, and admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On February 7, 1884 at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 56/543 G. D. Wright and his wife M. E. Wright and Thomas D. and Ida W. Berry sold a lot of land to S. C. McGhee, J. H. McGhee, and H. G. McGhee:

"This Deed made this the 7th day of February, 1884, between Thomas D. Berry & Ida W. his wife, & G. D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife of the first part, and S. C. McGhee, J. H McGhee and H. G McGhee of the second part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars, the said Thos. D. Berry & Ida W. his wife and G. D. Wright & M. E. Wright his wife grant and convey unto the said S. C. McGhee, J. H. McGhee & H. G. McGhee, all of the following described property, to-wit: Lot No 510, in plat of town lots made by W. J. Hubard Surveyor, for Thomas D. Berry and G. D. Wright of land situate in the town of Liberty Va and conveyed to them by Mrs. Frances C. Burwell by deed duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford County, which lot fronts seventy-five feet on Bedford Avenue - a street fifty feet wide through the said land and of the metes & bounds, courses and distances following to wit. Beginning at a stake on the South side of Bedford Avenue, and 75 feet distant along the south side of said avenue from the corner of of Second Street & at North West Corner of lot No 508, thence S 22° W 227 feet to the N. & W. Railroad line, thence along the line of the land of the N. & W.R.R. N 76-3/4° W 75 feet, to corner of lot No 512, thence along the line of lot No 512 N 22° W 229 feet to the south side of said Bedford Avenue, thence along said south side of Bedford Avenue S 75-1/4° E 75 feet to the first station, containing 40/100 of an acre.

And the said Thomas D. Berry & G. D. Wright covenant with the said parties of the first part, that they have the right to convey the said property to the grantee, that the grantee shall have quiet possession of said property, free from all incumbrances, that they have done no act to encumber the said property, that they will execute such further assurances of the said property as may be requisite, and they will warrant generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signature and seal

Thos D Berry
Ida W. Berry
G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) To-wit:

I C W Wharton a Notary public in and for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Thos D Berry & G D Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 7th day of February, 1884, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 7th day of Feby A.D., Eighteen Hundred and eighty four

C W Wharton N.P.

State of Virginia,)
County of Bedford,) To-wit:

I C. W Wharton, a Notary public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that Ida W Berry the wife of Thos D Berry & M E Wright the wife of G. D. Wright whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 7th day of February, 1884 personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them they the said Ida W Berry & M E Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act, and declared that they had willingly executed the same, and do not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 7th day of Feby A.D., Eighteen Hundred and eighty four

C W Wharton N.P.

In Bedford County Court February 8th 1884.

This Deed from Thomas D. Berry & wife & others to S. C. McGhee & others, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, CBC."

On May 15, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/175 G. D. and M. E. Wright and Thomas D. Berry and Ida W. Berry sold 10-1/4 acres of land to the Liberty Improvement Company:

"This deed made this the 15th day of May, 1884, between Thomas D. Berry and Ida W. his wife, and George D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife of the first part, and Liberty Improvement Company of the second part, witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand dollars paid in the stock of said company and the assumption of certain liens thereon hereinafter more particularly described, the said Thomas D. Berry and Ida W. his wife, and George D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife do grant and convey unto said Liberty Improvement Company, all the estate, right, title and interest which they or any or either of them have in and to a certain lot or parcel of land, situate in the town of Liberty Va, containing about ten and a quarter acres, more or less, which has been laid off into lots, with proper streets on the same, and which is the same conveyed to the said Thomas D. Berry and G. D. Wright by Frances C. Burwell and G. A. Wingfield Executor of Edward D. Steptoe decd & as trustee as stated in said deed, which deed bears date on the 8th day of November, 1883, and is of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County, in deed book No 56 at page 411, and a plat and survey of which is hereto annexed as a part of this deed, excepting however from said grant and conveyance lot No 503, conveyed to Abbie H. Berry and lot No 510, conveyed to S. C. McGhee, J. H. McGhee and H. G. McGhee.

And the said Thomas D. Berry and G D. Wright do hereby transfer and assign unto the said Liberty Improvement Company the cash payments received on said lots Nos 503 and 510, and the bonds given for the deferred payments thereon

In consideration of which conveyance the said Liberty Improvement Company by the acceptance of this deed promises and agrees to pay off and discharge the liens reserved on said property in said deed of Nov 8/83 from Frances C Burwell and G A Wingfield Exor & trustee as aforesaid, and has this day issued its certificates of stock for the residue of said sum of five thousand dollars.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

T. D. Berry
Ida W. Berry
G D Wright
M E Wright

State of Va
Bedford County; to wit:

I, Graham Claytor, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the said County, do hereby certify that G. D. Wright and T. D Berry, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 15th day of May, 1884, this day personally appeared before me, in my County aforesaid and acknowledged said writing to be their act and deed, and I further certify that Ida W. Berry wife of the said T. D. Berry and M. E. Wright wife of the said G. D. Wright whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid bearing date as aforesaid also personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from their said husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they, the said Ida W Berry and the said M. E. Wright, acknowledged said writing to be their act, and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 15th day of May, 1884.

Graham Claytor Commis

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office May 24th 1884

This Deed from Thomas D Berry and wife and G. D. Wright and wife to Liberty Improvement Company, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate & plat thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
Ro S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 20, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/166 George D. Wright purchased certain lots and land from W. S. and Mary C. Jones:

"This deed made this the 20th day of May, 1884, between W. S. Jones and Mary C. his wife of the first part and George D. Wright of the second part, witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do give, grant bargain sell and convey with general war [missing line] survey of the lots of the Estate of the late R. A. Clement as shown by a plat and survey of said lots in Deed Book No 56 page 26

in the County Court Clerks office of Bedford County, containing lot No 6, 100 feet front, on Franklin St. 340 feet deep on the east line and 355 deep on the west line; lot No 10 with the exception of that portion of said lot lying between Sam. Whitten's line and an alley said to be 91 feet deep from Franklin St. and embracing the land between said Whittens line and said Alley and said Franklin St. and a prolongation of the said Whittens line to said Alley

Witness the following signatures and seals

W. S. Jones
Mary C. Jones

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P Patteso, a Notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that W. S. Jones whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of May 1884 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1884

S. S. P. Patteson,
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a Notary public for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Mary C Jones the wife of W. S. Jones, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 20th day of May 1884, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Mary C Jones, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1884

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

I further certify that the words "Seven hundred and fifty" between the fourth and fifth lines from the top of the deed, were interlined before the signing and sealing of the deed

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 21st 1884.

This Deed from W. S. Jones and wife to G. D. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the Certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 29, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 57/219 G. D. and M. E. Wright, W. S. Jones and Mary C. Jones, and Samuel W. Bowling and L. H. Bowling, J. McCarter and Texana McCarter, and R. F. Robertson and S. J. Robertson gave a strip of land for a street to the Mayor and Common Council of Liberty:

"This deed made this the 29th day of May 1884, between W. S. Jones and Mary C his wife, G D Wright and M. E - his wife Samuel M Bowling & L. H. his wife, J. McCarter and Texana his wife and R. F. Robertson and S. J. his wife, parties of the first part and the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Liberty Va and their successors in office of the second part; Whereas the parties of the first part, being owners of certain real estate in the town of Liberty Va. whereof Robert A. Clement died seised, lying between Washington and Franklin Streets and described as lots Nos 7- 8- 9 and 10 of a plat and survey of the real estate of the late Rob. A. Clement and now of record in the County Court Clerk's Office of Bedford County in Deed Book No 56 page 26, are desirous that a street of the width of twenty five feet shall be opened between said lots Nos 7 and 8 on the one side and Nos 9 and 10 on the other, and running in a straight line from Washington Street to Franklin Street as indicated by alley of 20 feet on said plat

Now therefore this deed witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and the further consideration of five dollars in hand paid by the parties of the second part to the parties of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they, the said parties of the first part do hereby convey unto said Mayor and Common Council of the town of Liberty and their successors All their right title and interest in and to said Alley of twenty feet width as indicated by said plat and in addition thereto a strip of land two and one half feet wide on each side of said Alley to be taken from each of said lots Nos. 7- 8- 9 & 10 fronting on said alley making said street in all twenty five feet wide, said ground hereby conveyed to be kept opened and used as other streets in said town.

Witness following signatures and saels.

W. S. Jones
M. C. Jones

G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright
S. M. Bolling
L. H. Bolling
James McCarter
Texana Carter
R. F. Robertson
S. J. Robertson

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit:

I, Graham Claytor, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of said County, hereby certify that W. S. Jones, G. D. Wright, S. M. Bolling, James McCarter and R. F. Robertson, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 29th day of May 1884, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged said writing to be their act and deed, and I further that M. C. Jones, wife of said W. S. Jones, M E Wright, wife of said G. D. Wright, L. H. Bolling, wife of said S. M Bolling, Texana Carter, wife of said James McCarter and S. J. Robertson, wife of said R. F. Robertson, whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid, bearing date as aforesaid, also personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from their respective husbands and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, they the said M. C. Jones, M. E. Wright, L. H. Bolling Texana Carter and S. J. Robertson acknowledged said writing to be their act and deed and declared that they and each of them had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 10th June, 1884.

Graham Claytor Comr

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 13th 1884

This Deed from W. S. Jones & wife & others to the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 5, 1884, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/243 G. D. and M. E. Wright sold certain lots of land to S. M. Bolling, T. J. Matthews, and C. W. Wharton:

"This deed made this 5th day of June 1884, between G. D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife, of the first part and S. M. Bolling, T. J. Matthews and C. W. Wharton of the

second part -Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents ($562.50/100) in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part have given, granted, bargained and sold and do by these presents, give, grant, bargain and sell, unto the said parties of the second part, the following property, to-wit: Three fourths interest in Lot No. 6 and lot No 10 Conveyed to the said G. D. Wright, on the 20th day of May 1884, by W. S. Jones and Mary C. Jones, his wife by deed duly recorded in Deed Book No. 57 page 166, of record in Bedford County Court Clerks Office. For a further description of said property see Deed Book No. 56 page 26 containing plot and survey of lots of the late R. A. Clement in the County Court Clerks Office of Bedford County.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to-wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a notary public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that G. D Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5th day of June 1884, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1884.

S S P Patteson
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, S. S. P. Patteson, a notary public for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia do certify that, M. E. Wright, the wife of G. D. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 5th day of June 1884, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said M. E. Wright, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1884.

S. S. P. Patteson
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 6th 1885.

This Deed from G. D. Wright & wife to S. M. Bolling, T. J. Matthews and D. W. Wharton, conveying interest in real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 1, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/410 G. D. and M. E. Wright, James M. Berry and Abbie H. Berry, and Thomas D. Berry and Ida W. Berry sold Lot 503 of land to the Liberty Improvement Company:

"This Deed made this first day of May, 1885, between James M. Berry and Abbie H his wife, Thos D. Berry and Ida W. his wife and G. D Wright and M. E Wright, his wife, of the first part and the Liberty Improvement Company of the second part. Whereas by Deed dated 4th February 1884, Thos D. Berry and Ida W. his wife and G. D. Wright and M. E. Wright, his wife did convey to Abbie H. Berry wife of James M. Berry a certain lot of land hereinafter described, which said Deed was delivered to said Abbie H. Berry, and not recorded, and whereas the said Thos. D. Berry & Ida W. his wife and the said G. D. Wright and M. E. his wife have agreed to take back the said lot and repay to said Abbie H. Berry, the amount of one hundred dollars the cash payment made on said lot, and release the said James M. and Abbie H. Berry from any demand for the sum of five hundred dollars the balance of purchase money for which a lien on said lot was reserved in said deed, and Whereas the Liberty Improvement Company has purchased the said lot and desire to have a deed conveying the interests of all parties concerned to said Company. Now therefore this deed witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the premises and the sum of five dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said parties of the first part do grant and convey to the said Liberty Improvement Company, the following described property, to wit: Lot No. 503, in plat of town lots made by W. J. Hubard, Surveyor for Thos D. Berry and G. D. Wright of land situate in the town of Liberty Va, it being a part of a tract of land conveyed to them by Deed from Mrs Frances C. Burwell, of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Bedford County in Deed book _____ page _____, which said lot fronts seventy-five feet on a street fifty feet wide laid out through the centre of said tract of land, and called "Bedford Avenue," and seventy five feet on a street laid out immediately in rear of said lot and called "Avenel Avenue" and which said lot is described and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the North side of Bedford Avenue, corner with lot No. 501 - distant 105 ft from the property of L. D. Haymond - thence along the line of lot No. 501, N. 22° E 219-1/2 ft to the South side of Avenel Avenue, thence along said Avenue N 73-3/4° W 75 ft. to the line of lot No. 505 - thence along the line of said lot 505 S. 22° W 220 ft. to the North side of Bedford Avenue,

thence along the North side of said Avenue S. 75-1/4° E. 75 ft. to the beginning containing about 37/100 acre.

And the said James M. Berry and Abbie H. his wife grant and convey the above described lot with special warranty and the said Thos. D. Berry and Ida W. his wife and G. D. Wright and M. E. his wife with general warranty.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

Jas. M. Berry
Abbie H. Berry
Thos. D. Berry
Ida. W. Berry
G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright

Bedford County, to wit:

I, W. W. Berry, a Commissioner in Chancery of the County Court of for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that James M. Berry, Thomas D. Berry and G. D. Wright whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 1st day of May, 1885, have acknowledged the same before me, in my County afoersaid.

I do further certify that Abbie H. Berry, wife of James M Berry, Ida W. Berry, wife of Thos D. Berry and M. E. Wright, wife of G. D. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 1st day of May, 1885, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being each examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to them, the said Abbie H. Berry, Ida W Berry and M. E. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be their act, and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand, this 2d day of May, Anno Domini 1885.

W. W. Berry, Comr.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, July 19th 1886.

This Deed from James M. Berry & wife & others to The Liberty Improvement Company, conveying real estate was produced in said office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On June 1, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/244 G. D. and M. E. Wright, Samuel M. Bolling and L. H. Bolling, T. J. Matthews and Helen N. Matthews, and C. W. Wharton and Estelle Wharton sold Lot 10 in Liberty to James E. Tate:

"This deed made this the 1st day of June 1885, between Samuel M. Bolling and L. H. his wife, T. J. Matthews and Helen N. his wife, C. W. Wharton and Estelle his wife and G. D. Wright and M. E. his wife of the first part and James E. Tate of the second part, witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by the party of the second part to the parties of the first part, have this day bargained sold and conveyed and do hereby sell and convey unto the party of the second part, with covenants of general warranty, all their right, title and interest in and to that portion of a certain lot of land in the town of Liberty Virginia, Known as Lot No 10, in the plat and survey of the lots of the late D. R. A. Clement, of record in the County Court Clerk's Office of Bedford in Deed Book No 56, page 26, except so much of said lot as was heretofore conveyed to the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Liberty by deed of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 56 page 219, that is to say, two and one half feet to be used as a public street, the said lot hereby conveyed being that portion of said lot No 10, as was conveyed by W. S. Jones and wife to G. D Wright in Deed Book No 57 page 166, and by the said Wright & wife to S. M. Bolling, T J Matthews & C W. Wharton by deed dated the 5th June 1884, to which several deeds reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said land.

Witness the following signatures & seals.

S. M Bolling
L H. Bolling
T. J. matthews
Helen N. Matthews
C W Wharton
Estelle Wharton
G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright

State of Virginia,

Bedfored County, to wit: I, Graham Claytor, Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of said County, do hereby certify that S. M. Bolling, T. J. Matthews, C. W. Wharton and G. D. Wright, whose names are signed to the foregoing instrument of writing, bearing date the 1st day of June 1885 this day personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged said writing to be their act. And I further certify that L. H. Bolling wife of said S. M. Bolling, Helen N. Matthews, wife of said T. J. Matthews Estelle Wharton, wife of said C. W. Wharton, and M. E. Wright, wife of said G. D. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing aforesaid, bearing date as aforesaid, also personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and each of them being examined by me privily and apart from their husbands aforesaid, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to each of them, they, the said L. H. Bolling, Helen N. Matthews, Estelle Wharton, & M. E. Wright, acknowledged said writing to be their and declared that they had willingly executed the same and do not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this the 4th day of June, 1885.

Graham Claytor Comr:
in Chancery for Bedford Cir: Ct.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 6th 1885.

This Deed from Samuel M Bolling & wife and others to James E. Tate, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On September 3, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/471 G. D. Wright purchased 6-4/100 acres of land from W. J. Cocke and Charmian B. Cocke and R. L. Hambrick, Jr:

"This Deed made this 3d day of September 1885, between W. J Cocke & Charmian B. Cocke his wife, A. L. Hambrick Jr, and J. M Speece Graham Claytor and P. L. Saunders, Trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company, of the first part, and G D Wright of the second part witnesseth: That whereas H. C. Lowry Special Commissioner of the Circuit Court of the County of Bedford in the Chancery suit of Fuqua &c vs. Bowles &c did on the 31st day of October 1882, by proper deed duly recorded in Deed Book 55, folio 334, in the Clerks office of the County Court of Bedford convey to the said A. L. Hambrick Jr. and Charmian B. Cocke, wife of W. J. Cocke, as aforesaid a certain tract or parcel of land lying within the corporate limits of the town of Liberty, west of the Leesville Road, and containing 10 acres and 24 poles, and whereas the said W. J. Cocke and Charmian B, his wife, and A. L.

Hambrick Jr did on the second day of November 1882, by a deed of trust duly recorded in Deed Book 55, folio 335, in the County Clerk's office of Bedford covey the said lot of land to the said Trustees to secure to the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Co the sum of Four Hundred and eighty-five Dollars, and whereas the said sum of money has been paid to the said Company; and whereas, the said W. J. Cocke & wife have sold a portion of the said lot of land to said party of the second part, to wit: Beginning on the west side of the road from Liberty to Leesville, thence with the line of J. F. Wingfield S. 19° W 8 chains & 52 links to corner of J. F. Wingfield and W. J. Cocke, thence a new line S 37-1/4° E. 4 chains & 72 links to the line of property belonging to Joseph Johnson, thence with Johnson's line N 46° E. 10 chains and 79 links to the said Road from Liberty to Leesville, thence with said Road as it meanders, N 48-1/2° W. 36 links N. 66° W. 2 chains and 50 links, N. 82-1/2° W. 1 chain and 2 links, N 66-1/2° W. 1 chain and 2 links, N. 52° W 4 chains and 17 links to the beginning containing 6 acres and 4 one hundredths of an acre, more or less, but more acurately described in plat and survey hereto attached.

Now therefore in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of One Thousand Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said W. J. Cocke and Charmian B. his wife, and R L. Hambrick Jr, do grant with general warranty to said party of the second part the aforesaid tract of land containing six and four one-hundredths acres more or less, as herein before described. And the said J. M. Speece, Graham Claytor and P. L. Saunders, trustees as aforesaid release unto the said party of the second part all right title and interest in and to the said lot of land. And the said W. J Cocke and Charmian B. his wife, and A. L. Hambrick Jr, parties of the first part do covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that they have done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of said land free from all encumbrances, except that the right of way is reserved along the present lane and J. F. Wingfield's line, for the free passage of persons, vehicles and animals, to and from the balance of the said lot of land now owned by W. J. Cocke & wife; and that they will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signatures and seals

Wm. J. Cocke
Charmian B. Cocke
P. L. Saunders trustee
A. L. Hambrick Jr.
Graham Claytor trustee
John M Speece Trustee

State of Virginia)
County of Alleghany) to wit:

I, A M Doyle, a notary public for the County of Alleghany, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Wm J Cocke whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 3d day of September 1885, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid

Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1885.

A M Doyle
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Alleghany) to wit:

I, A. M Doyle, a notary public for the County of Alleghany, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Charmian B. Cocke the wife of Wm J Cocke, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 3d day of September 1885, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Charimian B Cocke, acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it

Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1885

A. M. Doyle
Notary Public

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

I, C W. Wharton, a notary public for the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that A L Hambrick Jr, P L Saunders Trustee Graham Claytor Trustee and Jno M Speece Trustee whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 3d day of September 1885 have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 21st day of September 1885

C W Wharton NP.

Beginning on the west side of the road from Liberty to Leesville thence with the line of J. F. Wingfield S. 19° W 8 chains and fifty two links to corner of J F Wingfield and W J Cocke thence a new line S. 37-1/4° E 4 chains & 72 links to the line of property belonging to Joseph Johnson thence with his line N. 46° E 10 chains and 79 links to

the said Road from Liberty to Leesville thence with said Road as it meanders N. 48-1/2° W 36 links, N 66° W 2 chains and 50 links, N. 82-1/2° W 1 chain and 2 links N 66-1/2° W 1 chain and 2 links, N 52° W 4 chains and 17 links to the beginning containing 6 acres and 4 hundredths of an Acre

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, September 23d 1885.

This Deed from William J. Cocke and wife and others to G. D. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 9, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 58/580 G. D. and M. E. Wright executed a deed of trust to R. B. Claytor to secure a debt due to Mrs. A. A. Graves as guardian:

"This deed made the 9" day of November 1885 between G. D. Wright and M. E. Wright his wife of the first part and R. B Claytor trustee and Mrs A. A Graves Guardian of second part. Whereas the said G. D. Wright, hath this day borrowed of Mrs. A. A. Graves, Guardian, the sum of one thousand Dollars, with interest at 6 per cent, for which he has this day executed his bond payable to said A. A. Graves, Guardian, twelve months after date for said one thousand dollars an datd the 9th November 1885 and is now desirous more effectualley to secure the prompt payment of said $1000.00 Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises ad of five Dollars i hard paid by the said R. B. Claytor, trustee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, this deed witnesseth that the said G. D Wright and M. E. Wright his wife doth grant and convey unto said R. B. Claytor, trustee, all of that certain tract or parcel of lad situatd in Liberty Va, west of the Leesville road and containing by recent survey six and four hundredths acres, adjoing the lands of J. F Wingfield, W. J. Cocke Joseph Johnson an others, It being the samie tract of land coneyed to said G. D Wright by Wm J. Cocke and others by deed datd 3rd September 1885 an recorded in Deed Book 58 page 471 to which deed and plat therewith filed, reference is here had for a more particular description of said lot of land

In trust nevertheless to secure to the said A. A. Graves, Guardian, the prompt payment of the sand $1000.00 Dollars as aforesaid: And in case the said Wright shall fail to pay to the said Graves, twelve months from this date, the said $1000.00, with interest as aforesaid, ar any part thereof, then upon the further trust, that, at or after twelve months from this date, the said R. B. Claytor, trustee, shall, on the request of said A. A Graves Guardian, her heirs, or assigns, proceed to sell the tract of lan herein conveyed in accordance with Code of Virginia Edition 1873 Chapter

113 section 6. And the said Wright covenants with the said Claytor, trustee, that he will warrart generally the property, hereby conveyed an that he will keep the house thereon insered in some good Insurance Companey n the sun of at least $1000.00 to be used an held as a further collateral security to said $1000.00 Witness the followig seals an signaturies the dat abve writter.

G. D. Wright
M. E. Wright

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit.

I, J. Callaway Brown, Notary Public for the Comty & State aforesa. do certify that G. D. Wright, whose name is signed to the foregoig deed datd 9th November 1885, personally appeare before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act an deed. And I further certify that M. E. Wright wife of said G. D. Wright whose names are signd to the foregoig deed bearing dat as aforesaid, personally appeared before me i my Comty aforesaid, an beig examined by me privily an apart from her husban an havig the said writig fully explaind to her, she the said M. E. Wright acknowledgd the same to be her act an deed, that she has willingly executd if an does not wish to retract it.

Given urder my han the 9t Novenber 1885.

J Callaway Brown
Notary Public.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, November 9th 1885

This Deed of Trust from G. D. Wright & wife to R. B. Claytor Trustee, for the benefit of Mrs. A. A. Graves Guardian, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On November 13, 1885, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/30 the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company released its deed of trust:

"This deed made the 13th of November 1885 between W. J. Cocke and Charmain B Cocke his wife, A. L. Hambrick Jr., and J. M. Speece Graham Claytor and P. L. Saunders trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company of the first part and G. D. Wright of the second part. Whereas the said W. J. Cocke and Charmain B. his wife, and A. L. Hambrick Jr. did on the 2d day of Novenber 1882,

convey to the trustees of the Liberty Perpetual Building ad Loan Company, a certain tract of 10 Acres and 24 poles situatd in Liberty Va, in trust to secure to said Company the sum of Four hundred & eighty five Dollars

And whereas the said sum of money has been paid to the said Company and whereas the said Cocke and wife and A L Hambrick Jr have sold to the said Wright the residue of the said 10 acres and 24 poles, supposed to contain between four and five acres, be the same however more or less. Now therefore in consideration of the premises and of one hundred and twenty five Dollars in hand paid to said Cocke & wife and A L Hambrick Jr. the receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge and of the further sum of five dollars in hand paid to said trustees the said W. J. Cocke and Charmain B his wife and A L Hambrick Jr, do grant with general warranty unto the party of the second part all of that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Liberty Va on the west side of the Leesville road, and supposed to contain between 4 and 5 acres, be the same, however, more or less and adjoing the six and four hundredth acres of land heretofore conveyed to said Wright by deed datd 3d September 1885. It being the residue of a tract of 10 acres and 24 poles heretofore conveyed to said Charmain B Cocke and A L Hambrick Jr by H C Lowry, Commissioner in the chancery suit of "Fuqua &c v Bowles &c" by deed datd 31 October 1882 and of record in Bedford Couty Court Clerks Office Deed Book 55 p. 334 to which deed reference is here had for a more particular description of said land.

And the said J. M. Speece, Graham Claytor and P. L. Saunders, trustees of said Liberty Perpetual Building and Loan Company, release and grant with special warranty, unto the said party of secon part all right title or interest which they or sad company may have in said land. And the said W. J. Cocke and Charmain B his wife and A. L. Hambrick Jr do covennant with th sad Wright that they have the right to convey sad land to the grantee, that they have done no act to encumber sad lan that he shall have quiet and peaceable possession therof free from all encumbrances, and they release the right of way, retained by the parties of first part through the other 6 & 4/100 acres in the deed of 3d September 1885 and that they will execute such other & further assurances of title as may be requisite. Witness the followig seals & signatures the date above written.

W. J. Cocke
C B Cocke
A L Hambrick Jr
John M Speece Trustee
Graham Claytor trustee
P. L. Saunders trustee

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit:

I, J. Callaway Brown, a notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that J. M. Speece, Trustee, Gramham Claytor, Trustee and P. L. Saunders, Trustee, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and severally acknowledged the above writing dated 13 Nov. 1885 to be their act and deed

Given under my hand the 4th day December 1885

J Callaway Brown N.P.

The State of Texas)
County of Cherokee)

Before me M. Jennigan a Notary Public in and for said County on this day personally appeared A. L Hambrick Jr. known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed as one of the grantors to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed

Given under my hand and seal of office at Rush, Texas, this 24" day of Novr 1885.

M. Mennigan
Notary Public C. Co. Texas

Virginia
Alleghany County to wit:

I, T. P. Bowles a Notary Public in and for said County do hereby certify that Charmain B. Cocke the wife of W. J. Cocke whoes name is signed to the foregoing deed bearing date on the 13th day of November 1885 personally came before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to hers she the said Charimain B. Cocke acknowledged the same to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. And I do further certify that W. J. Cocke whoes name is also signed to the foregoing deed bearing date in the 13th day of November 1885 also acknowledged the same before me at the same time and place.

Given under my hand this 2d day of December 1885

T. P. Bowles
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office Decr. 5th 1885

This Deed from Wm. J. Cocke and wife & others to G. D. Wright conveying real estate was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.B.C."

On March 30, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/239 G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling purchased 65-1/4 acres of land from F. A. Smith and Byra Smith:

"This Agreement made this 30th day of March 1886 betwen F. A. Smth and Byra Smith his wife of the first part, and S. M. Bolling and G. D. Wright of the second pert, Witnesseth, that the said Byra Smith, has this day sold to said S. M. Bolling and G D. Wright a certain tract of lnd containiig Sixtey five and 1/4 acres more or less lying near the Peaks of Otter in Bedford Cunty and adjoing the lends of ____ it being the same tract on which F. A Smith now resides and purchesed by Byra Smith from John Bays, upon the following terms, Said Wright and Bolling agree to pay off the vendors lien on said place in favor of John Bays of about $170.06 and agree to mark satisfied a judgment in their favor of $213.10 with interet from Jun 1884, recovered at Nov. term 1885 of Circuit Court aganst John Smith and F. A. Smith, and releae said judgment lien both agnst F. A Smith and John Smith, and to Byra Smith or her order the sum of $175.00 by a negotiable note at sixty dys and said F A Smith and Byra Smith agree to give possession of said place at once, and to turn over to said Wright & Bolling their interet in all the crops raised on said place during the yeer 1886, and they further covenant and agree to make to said Wright & Bolling upon the giving of said note and the releise of said Judgmnt a good and valid title to said land, free from the claim of all parties whatsoever, and freer from incumbrances by Judgmnt liens deeds of trust or otherwise said title to be conveyed by deed with covenants of general warranty, and any lins by Judgmnt or otherwise except the lien of John Bays for the balance of the purchase money to be deducted from the $175.00

Possession to be given at once

Byra C. Smith
F. A Smith
G. D. Wright
S. M. Bolling

This day personally appeared before me W. H. Jennings Justice of peace for Bedford County, Byra Smith whose names are signed to the foregoing contract and acknowledged the same before me

Given under my hand this 31 March 1886

W H Jennings JP

State of Va
Bedford Co. to wit

I, Calloway Brown, a Notary Public for said County and State, do certify that G. D. Wright & S M Bolling whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date 30th March 1886 and severally acknowledged the said writing to be their act and deed

Given under my hand the 3d April 1886

Calloway Brown
Notary Public

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, April 3rd 1886.

This Agreement between F. A. Smith & wife of the one part and S. M Bolling and G. D. Wright of the other part, relating to real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On April 10, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 59/361 John R. Bays and Kizzie Ann Bays completed the conveyance of 65-1/4 acres of land to G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling:

"This deed made this 10th day of April 1886, between John R. Bays and Kizzie Ann Bays his wife of the first part, and G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling of the second part, Witnesseth: that wheras heretofore said Bays the party of the first part, had sold to Byra C. Smith, a certain boundary of land hereinafter more particularly described, and said Byra C. Smith had completed the payment of all the purchase money therefor with the exception of the last payment, on which judgment was gotten, but no deed of conveyance was ever made to said Byra C. Smith by the party of the first part, and whereas said Byra C. Smith with the concurrence of her husband, has sold to said G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling all right title and interest in and to said land, and has agreed and directed that said John R. Bays shall convey said land to said G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, all of which is evidenced by said Byra C. Smith and her husband F. A Smith signing this deed, And whereas said G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling have paid said Byra C. Smith and F. A. Smith in full of their right title and interest in said land, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and whereas said

G. D. Wright, and S. M Bolling have assumed to pay unto said John R Bays party of the first part, the third and last payment on said land, and for said last payment have executed a negotiable note made by G. D. Wright and endorsed by S. M. Bolling, dated the 10th day of April 1886, and due in Eight months from date for the sum of One hundred and Seventy five dollars and are now entitled and for which sum of $175.00 a lien of said land is expressly reserved to a conveyance of said land, Now therefore, in consideration of the premises and of five dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said John R. Bays, party of the first part, and Kizzie Ann Bays his wife, have granted, bargained sold and conveyed, and do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto said G D Wright and S. M. Bolling in fee simple, the following tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Bedford near the Peaks of Otter adjoining the lands of Henry Vaughn, Paul Vaughn and Jordan Watson and others, and containing about sixty five and one fourth acres, be the same more or less, and more particularly described in the deed from Timothy Evans to William Philips of record in Bedford County Clerks Office to which reference is had for a further description. To have and to hold to the said G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling in fee simple. And the said parties of the first part, and said F. A. Smith & Byra C. Smith do grant said land hereby conveyed to the parties of the second part, with covenants of general warranty. Witness the following signatures and seals this 10th day of April 1886

John R Bays
Keziah A Bays
F. A. Smith
Byra C. Smith

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that John R. Bays whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 10th day of April 1886, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 10" day of April 1886

Ro. S. Quarles, Clk.

State of Virginia, County of Bedford, to-wit:

I, Robert S. Quarles, Clerk of the County Court of the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia do certify that Keziah A. Bays the wife of John R. Bays whose names are signed to the annexed writing, bearing date on the 10 day of April 1886, personally appeared before me in the County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained

to her, she, the said Keziah A. Bays acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same, and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 10" day of April 1886

Ro. S. Quarles, Clk.

State of Va
Bedford County, to wit,

I, Calloway Brown, Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that F. A. Smith whose name is signed to the foregoing deed bearing date 10 April 1886, personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same, and I further certify that Byra C. Smith, wife of said F. A. Smith, whose names are signed to the writing bearing date as aforesaid, also appeared before me in my said County and being examined by me privily and apart from her said husband and having said writing fully explained to her she, said Byra C. Smith, acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed and declaired that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hand the 21 day May 1886.

Calloway Brown N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, June 21st 1886.

This Deed from John R. Bays & wife and F. A. Smith & wife to G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 26, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 12/171 the court ordered the conveyance of real property to George D. Wright:

"G. D. Wright and E. M. Bolling, who sue as well for the benefit of themselves as all others holding liens on the real estate of W. H. Terry Langhorn, Plaintiffs
against
John E. Fitzpatrick, Sheriff of Bedford County and as such Committee of W. H. Terry Langhorn, Defendant

This day this cause came in to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and the report of sale by Calloway Brown, Commissioner, to which report there are no

exceptions, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court, approving, doth confirm the same, and doth adjudge, order and decree, that Calloway Brown, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose, do convey to G. D. Wright the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned by proper deed with special warranty and at the costs of the grantee.

And all the objects for which this suit was instituted having been accomplished, it is ordered, that the same be stricken from the docket, with liberty to any person interested, on reasonable notice to the opposite party, to have it reinstated to carry out this or any former decree entered therein."

The will of John A. Wright dated May 5, 1884, and probated on August 23, 1886 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/300 listed George D. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Item Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my son George D. Wright One hundred and three and 71/100 (103 71/100) acres of my land to be cut off the lower end and to be taken out of lot no. 3 of a plat and survey made by W. J. Hubard, also Fifty one and 85/100 (51-85/100) acres, to be taken off of lot No. 2 on the lower portion of said lot the lines to commence in a small branch in McGhee's line and to run a straight line to the lower part of the grave-yard and continue a straight line to the next branch and then go up or down the branch as may be necessary to cut off the required number of acres, then run a line nearly parallel with the fence which runs to Kelso's line so as to cut off in all (155 56/100) One hundred and fifty five and 56/100 acres:

. . . .

Item 7th. I will and bequeath the stock owned by me in the Atlantic, Pacific and Rail Road Tunnel Company to my three children G. D. Wright, William M. Wright, Mary F. Beard and the children of James E. Wright deceased, to be taken and held by the per stirpes:

Item 8th. I hereby appint James P. Beard and Geo. D. Wright of Bedford County, Executors of this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this my last will and testament May 5th 1884. . . ."

Sketch Book Of Liberty, Virginia published in 1887 included the following description of the firm of Bolling, Wright & Co.:

"Bolling, Wright & Co.
Manufacturers of Smoking Tobacco.

In the year 1879, Mr. John F. Curtis first introduced the various brands of smoking tobacco now manufactured by this firm. They were sold in moderate quantities and gradually acquired such popularity with the trade that capital and manufacturing

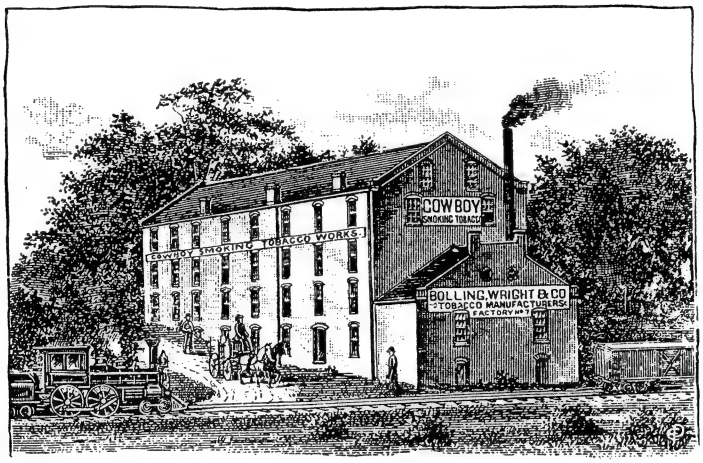
facilities became necessary and the present concern of Bolling, Wright & Co. was organized. The partners are S. M. Bolling, G. D. Wright and John F. Curtis, all of whom are universally recognized as trustworthy, responsible business men. The firm began its operations on July 1st, 1885, and its trade has been steadily increasing since that date. Their factory was burned to the ground in March, 1887, but a few weeks only had elapsed when their present building was thoroughly equipped and their work in full blast, with better facilities than before, havingnow an annual capacity of 500,000 pounds.

Bolling, Wright & Co.'s specialty is "Cow Boy," a fine, bright granulated smoking tobacco of very high grade, which has secured a large and increasing sale in all parts of the country, especially in the Middle and Southern States. "White Cloud" and "Quadroon" are also very favorite brands. The greatest care is exercised in the selection of leaf for these brands, as also in their preparation for the market. Their original high standard is constantly improving and will continue to improve under their present ownership until absolute perfection is attained.

"Sunbeam" is a special brand prepared by this firm from the very finest lemon-colored leaf, which is obtainable only in very small quantities and brings as high a price as any tobacco on the market anywhere. The other brands, while undoubtedly of very superior quality, are nevertheless within the reach of every smoker, for the reason that the cost of production is much less here than in larger manufacturing centres, and a better grade can therefore be offered for the same money, without decreasing the legitimate profits of the factory.

The energy and push now and heretofore exercised by this firm in expanding their trade, combined with the excellence of their products, will doubtless result in much future benefit to the Town, by advertising it to the world as the home and birth-place of "Cow Boy" and the other popular brands of Bolling, Wright & Co., and by the consequent diversion of distant capital to this market."

A lithograph of their tobacco factory was also included in Sketch Book:



BOLLING, WRIGHT & CO.'S TOBACCO FACTORY.

Sketch Book Of Liberty, Virginia also stated that G. D. Wright was a member of the Board of Directors of the Liberty Woolen Mills and the Liberty Improvement Company.

On February 14, 1888, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 61/343 G. D. Wright purchased a parcel of land from Calloway Brown, as commissioner:

> "This Deed made this the 14 day of February 1888, between Calloway Brown Commissioner of the one part, and G D Wright of the other part:
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> Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, made on the 2 day of December 1885, in the Chancery cause therein pending under the style of Wright for &c against Langhorne's Committee it was, amongst other things, adjudged, ordered and decreed that the tract of land hereinafter mentioned should be sold by the Commissioner and on the terms therein stated, and said land was afterwards so sold on the 26 day of April 1886, and at such sale the said G D Wright became the purchaser thereof at the price of Fifty Cents per acre, amounting to Thirty one dollars; and said sale was afterwards confirmed by said Court by a further decree made in said cause on the 26 day of May 1886, and afterwards all of the purchase money for said land having been fully paid, said Court, by a further decree made in the said cause on the 26 day of May 1886, did adjudge, order and decree that the said Calloway Brown, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, should convey said tract of land to the said G. D. Wright or to whom he should appoint, by proper deed with Special Warranty:
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> Now Therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, and of the payment of said purchase money, and in execution of the decree last aforesaid, the said Calloway Brown Commissioner doth grant and convey, with Special Warranty, unto the said G. D. Wright, all of that certain tract or parcel of land mentioned in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, containing about (60) sixty acres, owned by W. H. Terry Langhorne (col'd) being the same tract of land purchased by said Langhorne of T. L. Mitchel, assignee in Bankruptcy of A. Nance, and situated on the South side of Bedford County, near John E. Fitzpatrick and others.
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> Witness the following signature and seal
>
> Calloway Brown, Comm'r
>
> County of Bedford, to-wit:
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> I M P Burks a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Calloway Brown, Comm'r whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 14 day of February 1888, has acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this the 15 day of February 1888

M. P. Burks N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 16th 1888

This Deed from Calloway Brown Commissioner to G. D. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On January 4, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 62/596 Jesse N. Maxey and Susan V. Maxey and Henry T. McGhee and Quenie K. McGhee sold 3 acres of land to G. D. Wright, as trustee for the benefit of the children of William Wright pursuant to the will of John A. Wright:

"This Deed made this the 4th day of January 1889 between Jesse N. Maxey Susan V. his wife and Henry T. McGhee and Qunnie K. his wife of the first part and G. D. Wright trustee of the second part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty five dollars to them in hand paid by the said G. D. Wright trustee as aforesaid party second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said parties of the first part has this day bargained granted and sold and by these presents doth bargan grant sell and convey with general warranty unto said G. D. Wright trustee a certain tract or parcel of land lying on the south side of said County and on the south side of the public road leading from Bunkerhill to D. J. Wells and bounded by the same on the north adjoining the lands of William M. Wright Thomas McGhee and others and known as a part of the old Thomas tract containing three acres more or less in trust nevertheless for the benefit of the children of William Wright according to the will of John A. Wright (Decd) Witness the following signatures and seals this the 4th day of January 1889.

Henry T. McGhee
Quenie K. McGhee
Jesse N. Maxey
Susan V. Maxey

State of Virginia
County of Beford to wit.

I, John W. Johnson, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that Henry T. McGhee Quinnie K. McGhee Jesse N. Maxey and Susan V. Maxey whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 4th day of January 1889 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 4th day of January 1889.

John W. Johnson N.P.

At Bedford County Court April 22d 1889

This Deed from Jesse N. Maxey and wife and others, to G. D. Wright, Trustee for the benefit of the children of William Wright was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

On September 2, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 13/293 in a suit for the benefit of creditors of G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling the court struck the case from the docket because the debts had been satisfied:

"G. D. Wright and S. M. Bolling, late partners as Wright & Bolling, who sue as well for themselves as all other creditors holding liens on the real estate of Mercer H Gray and J W Bradley or either of them who may come into this suit upon paying their ratable proportion of the costs of this suit Plaintiffs
against
Mercer H. Gray, J. W. Bradley, A. W. Robertson, W. S. McKenney Trustee, James L Arthur, Treasurer of Bedford County, and others Defendants

The plaintiffs by Counsel, in Open Court Acknowledging Satisfaction of their debt for which this Suit was brought it is ordered that this suit be Stricken from the docket, all the objects for which it was brought having been accomplished."

On August 7, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 63/219 G. D. Wright purchased one-half acre of land from L. M. and J. L. Morriss:

"This Deed made and entered into this 7th day of August 1889, by and between L. M. Morriss and J. L. Morriss her husband, (the latter having no benificial interest, but joining for conformity to law, if necessary) parties of the first part and G. D. Wright of the other part, Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars, cash in hand paid to said L. M. Morriss, and for

the further and additional consideration that the said G. D. Wright assumes and binds himself to pay off and discharge to James T. Chewning whatever may be unpaid to him on the lien reserved by him in the deed from him to said L. M. Morriss, and recorded in Deed book No. 62, at page 101, in Clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford, which said Wright does assume and bind himself to pay by signing this deed, the said parties of the first part do by these presents grant and convey, with general warranty, unto the said G. D. Wright a lot of land containing One half Acre, more or less, in the town of Libery, on the east side of the Leesville road, adjoining the lands of J. F. Wingfield Sam Calloway & others, being the same lot which was conveyed to said L. M. Morriss by deed dated 21st Aug. 1888, and recorded in deed book No. 62 at page 101 in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Bedford County, to which reference is here made for a more particular description.

To have and to hold to him, the said G. D. Wright his heirs &c. forever. Witness the following signatures & seals

L. M. Morris
Jas. L Morris
G. D. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me W. S. McKenney, a Commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Bedford County, L. M. Morriss, J. L. Morriss & G. D. Wright whose names are signed to the within deed, dated 7th Aug. 1889, and acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1889.

Wm S. McKenney
Commr. in Chancery of Circuit
Court of Bedford County.

At Bedford County Court August 7th 1889.

This Deed from L. M. Morris and others to G. D. Wright conveying real estate was produced in Court certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On March 25, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 64/305 George D. Wright and James M. Berry purchased 1-1/2 acres of land from James B. and Alice G. Lockard:

"This deed made and entered into this 25th day of March 1890, by and between J. B. Lockard and Alice G Lockard his wife of the first part and James M Berry and George D Wright of the second part Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred and fifty Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, they the said parties of the first part, do, by these presents, grant and convey to the said parties of the second part a certain lot or parcel of land in Bedford City (formerly Liberty) containing one half of an acre less the tract of fifty feet front sold to ____ Miller by deed of record in Bedford County Court Clerk's Office being the same land (with the exception of said part conveyed to said Miller) which was conveyed to the said Alice G. Lockard by J F. Wingfield & wife, by deed dated 21 Aug, 1886, and recorded in the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court, in deed book 59 at page 503, said lot being described in said deed as lots No: 13 & 14 on a plat, on record in the Clerk's office of Bedford County Court prepared by J. E. Wharton for Jno. A. Otey, for a more careful description of said land reference is here made to said deed To have and to hold to them the said James M. Berry & George D. Wright their heirs &c. forever with general warranty. Witness the following signatures and seals.

James B. Lockard
Alice G. Lockard

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, S. H. Quarles, a Notary Public for said County, J. B. Lockard & Alice G. his wife whose names are signed to the within deed bearing date on the 25th day of March, 1890, and acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 25th day of March, 1890.

S. H. Quarles, N.P.

At Bedford County Court, March 26th 1890

This Deed from James B. Lockard and wife to James M. Berry and George D. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, certified and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On May 6, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 70/217 G. D. Wright and others sold a lot and mill to William H. McGhee:

"This deed made this 6th day of May 1890, between Robt S. Quarles trustee, P. L. Saunders trustee, Callaway Brown substituted trustee, G. D. Wright, J. M. Bolling, C. W. Wharton, T. J. Mathias, Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company of the first part, and Wm. H. McGhee, of the second part. Witnesseth: Whereas by a deed of trust made the 1st day of June 1885, and recorded in deed book 58 page 444, in Bedford County Court Clerk's office, James E Tate, conveyed to Robt. S. Quarles, trustee a certain lot of land, situated in Bedford City Va, and more fully described in said deed, it being the lot on which the Liberty Roller Mills is located, to secure the debt mentioned in said deed due to said Wright, Bolling Mathews and Wharton, and whereas the said debt in said deed mentioned has been fully paid off, which payment is evidinced by the signing of this deed by said Wright, Bolling, Matthews and Wharton, and whereas by a deed of trust executed on the 25th day of May 1887, Matthews & Wright, a firm composed of J. M. Matthews and J. M. Wright, who had become part owners of said Mill and Machinery as set out in said deed And Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company who also had become part owners of said Mill and machinery, which deed of trust is recorded in deed book 61 page 85, conveyed said Mill and machinery and all the fixtures pertaining thereto, to P. L. Saunders and T. J. Mathews trustees for the purposes set out in said deed. And whereas by another deed of trust executed by Mathews and Wright, on the 15th day of February 1889, and recorded in deed book 62, page 437, the said Mathews & Wright conveyed all their interest in and to the said Mill and Machinery and fixtures, to Calloway Brown trustee, to secure a debt due to W. H. McGhee, as stated in said deed, and whereas the said debt not being paid when the same fell due, according to the terms of said deed of trust, the said Calloway Brown, trustee after duly advertising the time terms and place of sale, did on the 26th day of October 1889 sell said interest of Matthews and Wright in and to said Mill, and all the fixtures and machiny belonging in and to said mill, Wm. H. McGhee became the purchaser of said interest at the sum of $1225.50 and has fully paid for same and is entitled to a deed to the said interest, and whereas then by an agreement made between said Wm. H. McGhee and said Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company, it was agreed that Calloway Brown should be substituted as trustee in the room and stead of said T. J. Mathews, who had removed from the State, and whereas by an order of the County Court of Bedford County, entered at the March term 1890, said Calloway Brown was substituted in the room and stead of said T. J. Mathews with all the powers and restrictions of said deed, and whereas by the agreement and consent of said W. H. McGhee and Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company, said Liberty Roller Mills, together with the Machinery, lot, and all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging was advertised for sale at public auction by said Saunders & Brown trustees for the purpose of dividing the proceeds among said McGhee and Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company, as their respective rights might appear by the deed above set out, and whereas after duly advertising said property, said trustees did on the 24th day of April 1890, sell said property at public auction upon the following terms, one third cash and for the residue taking bonds for the deferred payments, on a credit of one & two years and bearing interest from

date, secured by a deed of trust on the property. And whereas at said sale, the said Wm H. McGhee, became the purchaser at the price of Fifty four hundred and seventy five dollars ($5475.00), and whereas, the said McGhee has complied with the terms of said sale, by paying the proportion of the cash payment due and owing to said Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company, and after crediting him with his share in said purchase money, has executed his bonds at one and two years for the share of Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company, in said property with ____ as his surety, and secured by a deed of trust of even date herewith, and is now entitled to a deed. Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, and of the payment of the sum of ten dollars by the said Wm. H. McGhee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Robert S. Quarles, trustee, the said P. L. Saunders trustee, and Calloway Brown trustee, do grant, bargain sell and convey, with covenants of special warranty, unto the said Wm. H. McGhee all that certain lot, and the Mill and buildings situated on the same, known ____ of Bedford City Va together with all the machinery and fixtures of every kind and description thereto belonging, to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs forever, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. And the said G. D. Wright, J. M. Bolling, C. W. Wharton, T. J. Mathews and the Stillwell and Bierce Manufacturing Company do execute this deed to show their consent to the same Witness the following signatures and seals.

G. D. Wright
C. W. Wharton
J. M. Bolling
P. L. Saunders, trustee
Callaway Brown trustee
Stilwell & Bierce Mfg Co.
by G. W. Bierce Secty
T J Matthews
Ro. S. Quarles, Trustee

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, Wm. J. McKinney a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of said County, G. D. Wright, S. M. Bolling, C. W. Wharton, P. L. Saunders and Calloway Brown whose names are signed to the within deed bearing date on the 6th day of May 1890, and acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 15th day of May 1890

Wm. S. McKinney
Commr in Chancery
Circuit Court Bedford County

The State of Ohio)
Montgomery County) SS.

This day personally appeared before me Webster W. Sherry a Notary Public in and for said County of Montgomery in said State of Ohio, The Stilwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company by George N. Bierce, its Secretary, and duly authorized in the premises; whose name and corporate seal are signed and affixed to the within deed bearing date on May 6, 1890, and acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this May 24, 1890.

Webster N. Sherry
Notary Public
Montgomery County Ohio

State of Virginia
Bedford County, to wit:

I M. P. Burks a Notary Public for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do certify that T. J. Matthews whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 6th day of May, 1890, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 24th day of June, 1890.

M. P. Burks N.P.

State of Virginia,
County of Bedford, to wit:

I S. H. Quarles, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Robert S. Quarles, Trustee, whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 6th day of May, 1890, has acknowledged the same before me in my _____ aforesaid Given under my hand this 13th day of October 1892.

S. H. Quarles, N.P.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 13th, 1892.

This Deed from Robert S. Quarles, trustee, P. L. Saunders, trustee, Calloway Brown, trustee, G. D. Wright, S. M. Bolling and others to William H. McGhee, conveying real estate and personal property, was produced in said Office, and, together with the certificates thereto annexed, admitted to record.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for G. D. Wright in Longwood Cemetery, Bedford City, Bedford County, Virginia:

"G. D. Wright
Born July 29, 1847
Died August 8, 1890
(UDC)"

Bedford County, Virginia, Cemetery Records stated that the tombstone of G. D. Wright was located in Longwood Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following:

"G. D. Wright
July 29, 1847
August 8, 1930"

This appears to be just a typographical error in the listing of the date of death.

On or before August 29, 1890, John T. Campbell and George L. Colgate filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 2732, for conveyance of a title to certain real property sold by George D. Wright before his death:

"To the Hon. John D. Horsley, Judge of the Circuit court of the county of Bedford, Sitting in chancery: Humbly complaining showeth unto your Honor, your orators George L. Colgate and John T. Campbell, partners as Geo. L. Colgate & Co, that on the 20th day of July 1890, they purchased of James M. Berry and G. D. Wright a certain house and lot in the town of Bedford City, on Fairmont Street, and known as the Lockard House, and adjoining the lots of G. A. Miller, and others, for the sum of six hundred dollars, the whole of the purchase money to be paid in cash. That possession of same was delivered at once. That after the said purchase and before the payment of the money could be made, the said G. D. Wright was taken sick and died, leaving surviving him a widow one M. E. Wright, and the following children, to-wit: Harry Wright, Della Wright, Mildred Sybil, Bessie Veta Maxwell Wright, Eula Wright, George Wright S. Bolling Wright, and a baby yet unnamed, that all of the said Children are infants under the age of twenty one years That one T. D. Berry has duly qualified as the administrator of the said G. D. Wright, a duly certified copy of the said qualification will be filed if necessary. That the said James M. Berry the one half owner of the said house and lot is ready and willing to convey the legal title of the said property to your orators, but that they are advised that upon the death of the said G. D. Wright that the legal title to the said house and lot descended and passed to the said heirs the infants above mentioned, and that it is only by the aid of the a court of equity that the legal title can now be conveyed to your orators. That say that that the sale was a fair one, the price adequate, and that they are ready and anxious to comply with the terms of the said sale and pay the whole of the said

money in cash, as soon as a title can be made to the property. They are advised that a court of equity will by its decree appoint a commissioner for and on behalf of the said infants to convey the title to the same to your orators. Being without remedy save in a court of equity where such matters are relievable, they come into this court and pray as follows, that the said M. E. Wright, the Mildred Sybil, Bessie Vita said Harry, Della, Maxwell, Eula, George, S. Bolling Wright, and the baby as yet unnamed, be made parties defendant, and that the said T. D. Berry as administrator of the said G. D. Wright and J. M. Berry be made parties defenadt to this bill and required to answer the same under oath, the admstr defendants in their own proper persons, and the infants defendants by their guardian ad litem, that a guardian ad litem be appointed for the infant defendants, that he be required to answer this bill, that a decree be entered in this cause for a commissioner for and on behalf of the said infants to convey the legal title to the said proprty and for and on behalf of the said widow, that your orators be authorised to pay the purchase money over to the parties entitled to the same, and for all other further and general relief as the nature of the case demands, and to equity is meet and just, and in duty bound they will ever pray &c.

Geo. L. Colgate & Co
by Counsel

Saunders & Brown. P.Q."

From this record the family of George D. Wright can be identified as follows:

Wife: M. E. Wright

Children:
1) Harry Wright,
2) Della Wright,
3) Mildred Sybil Wright,
4) Bessie Veta Wright,
5) Maxwell Wright,
6) Eula Wright,
7) George Wright,
8) S. Bolling Wright, and
9) ____ Wright.

All of the children were born after August 29, 1869.

On August 28, 1890, in File 2732 Mrs. M. E. Wright filed her answer agreeing to the conveyance:

"The separate answer of Mrs. G. D. Wright to a bill of complanint exhibited against her and others in the Circuit court of the county of Bedford, by Geo. L. Colgate & others. This respondent for answer to the said bill answers and says that she is informed and believes that the sale of the house and lot in the bill mentioned was made by her late husband and J. M. Berry, in the manner and for the price, and upon the terms as set out in the said bill, and that she is willing that the said sale shall stand, and that the court may decree the title to the same, to the plaintiffs as pryaed for in their said bill, and that she is willing to sign the deed to the same, and relinquish her right of dower to the said land, she to receive dower for its equivalent in other lands. She submits to the court the decree as to whom the part of the money due her said husband shall be paid. She is also willing and hereby consents that this cause may be submitted to the Judge of the said court in vacation for a hearing and decision. And now having fully answered she prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs.

Mrs. M. E. Wright

Sworn to be fore me this the 28 day of August 890, by Mrs. G. D. Wright. Given under my hand this 28 day of August 1890

L C Arthur
Notary Public"

On August 29, 1890, in File 2732 M. P. Burks filed his answer as guardian ad litem for the minor children also agreeing to the conveyance:

"The separate answer of M. P. Burks guardian ad litem of Hary Wright, Della Wright, Maxwell Wright, Eula Wright, George Wright, S. Bolling Wright, and Mildred Sybil, and Bessie Vita Wright, and ____ Wright the last a baby as yet unnamed, the said answering for himself as the guardian ad litem. To a bill of complaint exhibited against him and others in the circuit court of the county of Bedford, by Geo. L. Colgate and others. This respondent for answer to the said bill, says that he is informed and believs that the said G. D. Wright, and J. M. Berry sold to the plaintiffs the house and lot as set out in the said bill, and for the price and on the terms as set out in the said bill, and that he believes that the facts as set out in the said bill are true, and that the interest of the infants defendants will not be at all injured to grant the relief prayed for in the said bill, and that the title to the said property ought to be conveyed to the plaintiffs. And he further consents that this cause may be submitted to the Judge of the said court for a hearing and decision in the vacation of the said court. And now having fully answered he prays to be hence dismised with his reasonable costs.

M. P. Burks

Sworn to before me the 29 Aug. 1890 by M. P. Burks.

P. L. Saunders
Cmnr. M. Johnson
Bedford County"

The court thereafter ordered the house sold at public auction and on November 26, 1892, the house was sold.

In September 1891 H. C. Lowry filed a complaint against the estate of George D. Wright and his heirs in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 3049(D), for payment of debts due, an accounting for the estate, allotment of dower, and for the sale of any real property necessary to pay the debts:

"To the Hon John D Horsley Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County

Your complainant H. C. Lowry, who sues as well for himself as on behalf of all the creditors of G D Wright deceased as may come into this suit respectfully represents that the said G. D. Wright departed this life in the year 1890, leaving Surviving him his widow M. E. Wright and the following infant children to wit Harry, Della, Mildred Sybil, Bessie Veta, Maxwell, Eula, George and S. Bolling Wright. Your complainant further represents that the Said Wright dies intestate and that at the August term of the county court of Bedford County 1890 one Thomas D Berry qualified as administrator of the estate of the said Wright. Your complainant further represents that at the time of his death the said George D. Wright was seized and possessed of the following real estate to wit a house and lot in Bedford City Va the said lot embracing several acres and probably other lots, and a tract of land lying in Bedford County several miles north west of Bedford City Va. Your complainant further represents that for the year 1885 he recovered judgment in the Circuit Court of Bedford County against the said G D Wright for the sum of $70.35 with interest from the 12th day of January 1880 till paid and $8.79 costs a copy of which is herewith marked ____. That no part of said Judgment has been paid

To the end, therefore, that Justice may be done in the premises, and forasmuch as your complainant is without remedy save in a court of Equity where such matters are peculiarly cognizable, he prays that Thomas D Berry administrator of George D Wright deceased M. E. Wright the widow of the said George D. Wright, and Harry Della, Mildred Sybil, Bessie Veta, Maxwell, Eula, George, and S Bolling Wright and ____ infant yet unnamed infant children of the said G. D. Wright deceased be by proper process made parties defendants to this suit, appoint a guardian ad litem for the infant defendants to protect their interest appoint commissioners to assign dower to the widow M. E. Wright order an account of debts to be taken by one of the Commissioners of this court; and require the said Thomas D Berry to settle his

account as administrator of the estate of the said G D Wright before the said Commissioner and if it is necessary order a sale of the residue of the land after assigning dower; and grant to your complainant such other further and general relief as the nature of the case requires and Equity and good conscience may dictate and in duty bound he will ever pray &c

H. C. Lowry"

From this record the family of George D. Wright is again identified as follows:

Wife: M. E. Wright,

Children:
1) Harry Wright,
2) Della Wright,
3) Mildred Sybil Wright,
4) Bessie Veta Wright,
5) Maxwell Wright,
6) Eula Wright,
7) George Wright,
8) S. Bolling Wright, and
9) ____ Wright

On November 27, 1891, in File 3049(D) the court ordered commissioners to assign the dower to the widow and for an accounting of the estate:

"1891 November 27th

H. C. Lowry who sues as well for himself as on behalf of all the creditors of G. D. Wright deceased who may come into this suit. Plaintiff
against
Thomas D. Berry, administrator of George D. Wright, deceased M. E. Wright the widow of the said George D. Wright and Harry, Della, Mildred, Sybie, Bessie Veta, Maxwell, Eula, George S. Bolling Wright and -- Wright the last nine of whom are infants under the age of twenty one years by J. Waites Smith their Guardian ad litem. Defendants.

This day this cause, which has been regularly matured at Rules, and set for hearing came on this day to be heard on the bill of the complainants the exhibits therewith filed the answer of the infant defendants by J. Waites Smith their Guardian ad litem the orders and proceedings at rules and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court approving doth confirm the proceedings at rules and doth adjudge order and decree that T. D. Berry, R. B. Clayter David W. Parker Joshua W.

Thomas and John W. Johnston who are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose any three of whom may act, do go upon the premises whereof G. D. Wright died seized and possessed and lay off and assign to M. E. Wright the widow of the said G. D. Wright, as and for her dower one third in value of the said real estate, and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to secure the services of a competent survey or to assist them in laying off the dower aforesaid if they deem it necessary. And the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take state and settle the following accounts. First an account of the real estate whereof the said G. D. Wright died seized and possessed. Second an account of the debts due and owing by the estate of the said G. D. Wright deceased, and their relative priorities, Third an account of the debts due and owing to the said estate, and Fourth an account of the administration of the estate of the said G. D. Wright deceased by T. D. Berry his administrator. But before taking the accounts herein ordered the said Commissioner shall post notice of the time and place of taking same on the front door of the Courthouse of Bedford County, and give the said administrator personal notice, and make report for a further decree."

On June 6, 1892, in File 3049(D) Mary E. Wright, the widow, agreed to take her dower in the form of a house and lot in Bedford City:

"Lowry for &c)
vs) Memorandum
Wrights admr.s)

I Mary E. Wright widow of G D Wright deceased do hereby consent to have my interest as dower in the estate of the said G D Wright commuted and I am willing to take in absolute fee simple the house and lot in Bedford City Va situate on Market Street and containing about twelve acres with the charge upon it of one thousand dollars in lieu of my dower rights in said estate.

Given under my hand the 6th day of June 1892

Witness Mary E. Wright"
Chas L Mosby

The commissioners filed their report in File 3049(D) agreeing to the proposed assignment of dower subject to a thousand dollar debt:

"Lowry for &c)
vs) Commissioners Report to
Wright's admr. &c) assign dower

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed to assigned dower in the estate of the late G D Wright deceased to his widow Mrs. Mary E Wright respectfully submit the following report. By the consent of Mrs Wright herewith filed as a part of this report and also by the like consent of the creditors filed also with this report we have commuted Mrs Wrights dower, and have given her absolutely the house and lot in Bedford City Va situate on Market Street, the said lot contains about twelve acres but is charged with a mortgage of one thousand dollars. We think this is a fair and Equitable way of settling this question and therefore with Mrs Wrights consent and the consent of the creditors we recommend that this settlement be accepted by the court Mrs Wright is to pay the aforesaid charge of one thousand dollars and to take the property absolutely as her property all of which is respectfully submitted

O. P. Bell
P. C. Hurt
A. C. Hatcher"

On June 10, 1893, in File 3049(D) the court ordered the assignment of dower in the Bedford house and lot to Mary E. Wright and directed the sale of real property at public auction:

"Lowry for &c)
vs) Note for a decree
Wright's admr. &c)

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read the report of the Commissioners appointed to assign dower, the report of Commissioner John B Goode to which said several reports there are no exceptions and was argued by counsel; Upon consideration whereof the court approving doth confirm said reports; and it approving from the report of the Commissioners to assign dower that Mary E Wright widow of G D Wright deceased is willing to take, in lieu of dower, a certain portion of the real estate whereof the said G D Wright died siezed and possessed and in further approving from said report that in the opinion of the said Commissioners this arrangement will be mutually beneficial to the creditors of the estate of the said G D Wright and his widow the said Mary E. Wright, the court approves and confirms it and doth adjudge order and decree that the dower interest be commuted in kind and that the said Mary E Wright do take in absolute fee simple the house and the lot of land attached thereto containing about twelve acres situate on Market Street in Bedford City Va, and more particularly described in the report of the said Commissioners in lieu of her dower in the estate of G D Wright deceased. And the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County is directed to certify to the Clerk

of the County Clerk of said County so much of this decree as will be necessary to secure Mrs Mary E Wright's interest in said house & lot. And the court doth further adjudge order and decree said H C Lowry who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose do sell the tract of land mentioned in the bill, either publicly or privately as he may deem best, on the premises or in front of the Court House of Bedford County after advertising the time place and terms of sale in such manner and for such length of time as he may deem necessary to give due publicity thereto on the following terms to wit $250-- cash and the residue upon a credit of one two and three years the purchasers of give bonds with good personal security containing waiver of homestead Exemption and carrying interest from day of Sale But before acting under this decree the said commissioner shall enter into bond with good security before the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of twenty five hundred dollars conditioned according to law."

On October 14, 1893, in File 3049(D) the court approved the sale of real property:

"1893, October 14th

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, the report of sale made by H. C. Lowry Commisioner, to which report there are no exceptions and was argued by Counsel: Upon consideration wheeof the Court approving doth confirm said report and the sale made therein and doth adjudge, order and decree that the said H. C. Lowry do withdraw the bonds filed with his said report and collect them as they severally fall due or before maturity if the obligors desire to pay them and deposit the money so collected in one of Banks doing business in Bedford City, Virginia taking thereofr a certificate of deposit and file the same withe the papers in this cause. And when the purchaser shall have completed the payment for the tract of land purchased by him in this cause then H. C. Lowry who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose shall convey the said tract of land to the purchaser or to whomsoever he may designate in writing and make report hereunder for a final decree."

In October 1896 in File 3049(D) the court entered a further order for an accounting for the estate:

"Lowry for &c.) Note For Decree.
vs.)
Wright's Admr. & others) (October Term, 1896.)

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, and on the rules awarded during the present term of this court against H. C. Lowry, Receiver, and J. A. Clark, and the answers of said H. C. Lowry and J. A. Clark to said rules, and the bond of J. M. Hopkins for $879.17 dated August 10, 1893, payable three years after date with interest from date given for the last deferred payment on the tract of land sold in this cause, filed with said last mentioned

answer, and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the commissioners of this court with instructions to take a further account of all debts outstanding and unpaid against the estate of G. D. Wright, deceased, and their relative priorities, if any; second, an account showing who is entitled to the balance due on the bond aforesaid of J. M. Hopkins filed with the answer of said Clark, and, if more than one person is entitled to such proceeds, in what proportion they are so entitled. But before taking said account said commissioner shall give notice of the time and place of taking the same by publication for two weeks in one of the newspapers published in the town of Bedford City, Va., and also by posting a notice at the front door of the courthouse of Bedford County at least ten days before taking said account.

And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said J. M. Hopkins have liberty to deposit the amount due on said bond in the Lynchburg Trust & Savings Bank at Bedford City, Va., and take an interest bearing certificate of deposit therefor payable to the order of the court in this cause, and if he shall file such certificate with the clerk of this court that he shall be at liberty to withdraw from the papers in this cause the bond filed with the answer aforesaid of the said Clark, leaving an attested copy of said bond among the papers in this cause. And if he shall make such deposit and file said certificate as aforesaid, then William Eubank, who is hereby appointed a commissioner for that purpose, shall convey to the said J M. Hopkins the tract of land heretofore reported as sold to him under a former decree in this cause."

On October 26, 1897, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/44 R. B. Claytor, as trustee, conveyed to Mrs. Augusta T. White 6-4/100 acres of land after default in payment under a deed of trust:

"This Deed, Made the 26th day of October 1897 between R. B. Claytor trustee of the first part, and Mrs. Augusta T. White of the second part, Whereas G. D. Wright & M. E. Wright, his wife, by deed bearing date on the 9th day of November 1885, and recorded in the Bedford County Court Clerk's Office D.B. 58, page 580, did convey to the said R. B. Claytor in trust, to secure to A. A. Grave, Guardian, the payment of a certain sum of money therein specified, the following real estate to wit: all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Liberty (now Bedford City) Va. west of Leesville road and containing by recent survey six & 4/100 acres adjoining J. F. Wingfield, Joseph Johnson & others it being the same tract conveyed to G. D. Wright by Wm. J. Cocke & others by deed dated September 3rd 1885 & recorded in the County Court Clerk's Office of Bedford County in Deed Book 58 page 471 By which deed of trust the said trustee was empowered on the failure of the said G. D. Wright to pay the sum of money therein mentioned, or any part thereof, when the same should become due and payable, to sell the above-described property, for the purposes of the said trust. And whereas default having been made in the payment of the said sum of money, the said trustee, in execution of the trust aforesaid, being

thereto required by the beneficiary, did on the 4th day of October 1897, after giving due & sufficient notice of the time, place and terms of sale, by hand bills & by advertisement in the Bedford Democrat expose to sale by public auction to the highest bidder, the property above described. At which sale the said Mrs. Augusta T. White, having made the highest bid therefor, became the purchaser of the said property at the price of Eleven hundred Dollars, and having complied with the terms of sale has requested that the same be now conveyed to her, the said Mrs. Augusta T. White This Deed Therefore Witnesseth, That the said R. B. Claytor, trustee, in the performance of his duties as trustee, and in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred Dollars paid or secured to be paid doth grant, with Special Warranty, unto the said Mrs. Augusta T. White the said property hereinbefore referred to and described. Witness the following signature and seal:

R. D. Claytor, Trustee

State of Virginia)
State of Virginia) to wit

I, Wm Eubank a Notary Public for the county aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify that R. B. Claytor, trustee, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date the 26th day of October, 1897, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand, this 28th day of October 1897

Wm. Eubank N.P.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 24th, 1898.

This Deed from R. B. Claytor, Trustee, to Mrs. Augusta T. White, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and admitted to record.

(Tax $1.10 Pd. Teste:
Fee $1.25 Pd.) R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On October 27, 1897, in File 3049(D) the court authorized the delivery of certain funds to William M. Wright:

"1897 October 22

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of Wm Eubank, Receiver, together with the vouchers for his disbursements and certificates of deposit on the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at Bedford City, Va. as follows to wit: No. 1377 dated June 12, 1897 for $279.82 and No. 1378 dated June 12, 1897 for $323.51 to which report there are no

exceptions and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that said report be confirmed and the said Wm Eubank is discharged from further duty as receiver in this cause And the court doth further adjudge, order and decree that Wm. M. Wright who is hereby appointed a Receiver for the purpose do withdraw from the papers in this cause and collect said certificate of deposit No. 1377 dated June 12th, 1897, for $279.82 upon his entering into bond before the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of $500.00 with approved security and conditioned to have the said amount of $279.82 forthcoming at the death of said Wm M. Wright to be paid over to his children as provided in the will of his father John A Wright. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that J. A. Clark, assignee, have liberty to withdraw from the papers in this cause leaving an attested copy, and collect said certificate of deposit No. 1378 for $323.51 and that out of such collection that he pay to Hopkins & St Clair the sum of $35.00 and that he also pay the costs of this suit so far as the same remains unpaid and apply the residue to the payment of his debts proved in this cause.

And all the objects of this suit having been accomplished it is ordered that the same be dismissed."

On November 2, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 74/348 Wm. Eubanks, as commissioner, sold 154 acres of land belonging to the estate of G. D. Wright to J. M. Hopkins:

"This Deed made this the 2nd day of November 1896, between Wm. Eubank Commissioner of the one part, and J. M. Hopkins of the other part: Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, made on the 10th day of June 1893, in the Chancery cause therein pending under the style of Lowry for &c against Wrights admr &c. it was amongst other things, adjudged ordered and decreed that the tract of land hereinafter mentioned should be sold by the Commissioner and on the terms therein stated, and said land was afterwards so sold on the 10th day of August 1893; and at such sale the said J. M. Hopkins became the purchaser thereof at the price of Two thousand eight hundred & eighty seven dollars & fifty cents; and said sale was afterwards confirmed by said court by a further decree made in said cause on the 14th day of October 1893, and afterwards all of the purchase money for said land having been fully paid, said court, by a further decree made in the said cause on the 24th day of October 1896, did adjudge, order and decree that the said Wm Eubank, who was thereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, should convey said tract of land to the said J. M. Hopkins or to whom he should appoint, by proper deed with Special Warranty: Now Therefore this deed witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, and of the payment of said purchase money, and in execution of the decree last aforesaid, the said Wm. Eubank Commissioner doth grant and convey with Special Warranty unto the said J. M. Hopkins the tract of land in the bill & proceedings mentioned containing 154 acres more or less situated about 6 miles N.W. of Bedford City Va. adjoining Kelso, and others, it being the tract

of land owned by G. D. Wright, decd, at the time of his death & which was sold by H. C. Lowry, Comr., in the above suit of Lowry for &c vs. Wrights admr &c & bought by said J. M. Hopkins. Witness the following signature and seal.

Wm. Eubank, Commissioner

At Bedford County Court, November 2nd 1896

This Deed from Wm. Eubank, Commissioner, to J. M. Hopkins, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, acknowledged by the said Wm. Eubank Commissioner, and ordered to be recorded

(Tax $2.90. Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On November 22, 1897, in File 3049(D) William M. Wright filed his bond.

On November 29, 1897, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 75/484 R. B. Claytor, as trustee, filed a report of sales at a public auction made on October 4, 1897, under a deed of trust:

"Report of Sale of property deeded to me as Trustee by G. D. Wright & his wife November the 9th 1885 and recorded in the County Court Clerk's Office of Bedford County in deed Book 58 page 580 Property sold at the request F. O. Thomas agent for Mrs A. T. White the Beneficiary at public auction in front of the Court House on 4th day of October 1897 and bought by F. O. Thomas Agt. for Mrs. A. T. White he being the highest bidder at 1,100.00

Cost of Sale			
Commissions		31.00	
Advertising		3.00	
Auctioners fee		6.00	
Writing deed		5.00	
Commissioners fee		1.50	
Clerk's fee		1.50	48.00
			1052.00
Taxes due & to be paid by the purchaser			
State & County Tax	1895	15.34	
" " "	1897	11.31	
Corporation "	1895	16.00	
" "	1896	13.00	
" "	1897	13.00	68.65
Net amt $983.35 cr. on bond and deed made to beneficiary			983.35

R. B. Claytor, Trustee

Commissioner's Office
Nov. 29th 1897

I hereby certify that the foregoing account has been examined by me and is found to be correct and that it is supported by the proper vouchers.

W. W. Berry, Comr of
County Court of Bedford

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, November 29th, 1897.

This Inventory and Account of Sale of the property of G. D. Wright and Wife, made by R. B. Claytor, Trustee, under a deed of trust made by said G. D. Wright and Wife, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of said Court annexed, was this day delivered to the Clerk of said Court, and admitted to record.

(Fee $1.50 Pd.) Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On January 26, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/5 Mrs. M. E. Wright sold two parcels of 4 and 5 acres of land to A. W. Robertson:

"This Deed made this the 26th day of January 1898 between Mrs. M. E. Wright of the first part and A. W. Robertson of the second part, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars cash in hand paid to the said Mrs. M. E. Wright by the said A. W. Robertson, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said Mrs. M. E. Wright doth grant & convey unto the said A. W. Robertson with general warranty all that certain tract or parcel of land on the south side of the town of Bedford City Va & south of the residence of G. D. Wright, dec'd, containing between four & five acres & being the same conveyed to said G. D. Wright by Wm. J. Cocke & others by deed dated November 13th 1885 & recorded in the Bedford County Court Clerk's office in Deed Book 59 page page 30 & the same lot or parcel of land which was assigned to the said Mrs. M. E. Wright absolutely, along with another lot of 6-4/100 acres, as her dower interest in the land of said G. D. Wright, dec'd., in the chancery suit of Lowry for &c vs Wright's admr &c & the said Mrs. M. E. Wright doth further grant & convey the right of way reserved along the present lane & J. F. Wingfield's line for the free passage of persons vehicles & animals to & from the said lot of land to the Leesville road & also all other rights privileges & appurtenances pertaining to said land. The said Mrs. M. E. Wright covenants that she has the right to convey the said land to the grantee, that she has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land free from all encumbrances & that she the said party of the first part

will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signature & seal

Mrs. M. E. Wright

State of Virginia
City of Norfolk to wit:

I Wm D. Southall a Notary Public for the City aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that Mrs. M. E. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 26th day of January 1898 has acknowledged the same before me in my City aforesaid. Given under my hand the first day of February 1898.

Wm. D. Southall Notary Public

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 2nd, 1898.

This Deed from Mrs. M. E. Wright to A. W. Robertson, conveying real estate was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed and admitted to record.

Teste:
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On November 4, 1901, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 31/27 T.D. Berry filed an accounting for the estate of G. D. Wright:

"The estate of G. D. Wright,
In a/c with T. D. Berry, his Admr.

1900		Dr.	
Apl 27		To amt paid Berry Tobacco Co, on assignment from J. A. Clark of all his interest in the preferred liens against the estate of G. d. Wright proved in the suit of Lowry v Wright's Admr.	130.95
"	"	To Commissions on $141.00	7.05
"	"	" Amt paid Commr. of Accs.	1.50
"	"	" Bal in hand to record this a/c	1.50
1899		Cr.	
Sept	1st	By amt received of Calloway Brown, Atty for G. D. Wright	141.00

Commissioner's Office,
Bedford City, Va. June 27 1900

To the County Court of Bedford County:

Your Commissioner reports to the Court, that on the 27 day of April 1900, T. D. Berry, the Administrator of G. D. Wright, deceased, exhibited before your Commissioner a statement of all the money which he, the said Admr., had received or become chargeable with, or had disbursed, together with the vouchers for such disbursements. That the Commissioner embraced the said Administrator in the list of fiduciaries, whose accounts were before him for settlement, which was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of said county, on the first day of May Court last, and on the date of this report (ten days having since elapsed), has made up and completed the foregoing account of the said T. D. Berry's administration of the estate of the said G. D. Wright, deceased. The account is supported by satisfactory vouchers, and is herewith returned.

Your Commissioner further reports to the Court, that he has examined whether the said Administrator has given such bond as the law requires, and whether it is in a penalty and with securities sufficient, and finds the same to be unobjectionable and fully sufficient.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accounts of the said Court, on the day and year first aforesaid.

N. Sale, Commr. of Accounts,
County Court of Bedford.

Virginia:
In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, August 27th 1901.

This Settlement of the accounts of T. D. Berry, Administrator of G. D. Wright, deceased, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of said Court annexed, was this day filed in said office.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C.

Virginia:
At Bedford County Court, November 4th, 1901.

This Settlement of the Accounts of T. D. Berry, Administrator of G. D. Wright, deceased, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was

produced in Court and no exception having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

Tombstone Inscriptions of Bedford County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for Mary Elizabeth Wright in the Longwood Cemetery, Bedford City, Bedford County, Virginia:

"Mary Elizabeth Wright
Born November 3, 1850
Died October 5, 1907"

Bedford County, Virginia, Cemetery Records stated that the tombstone of Mary Elizabeth Wright was located in Longwood Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following:

"Mary Elizabeth Wright
November 3, 1855
October 5, 1907"

This appears to be just a typographical error in the listing of the date of birth.

The Beale Treasure included the following about George D. Wright and his family:

"Another fascinating native and possible beneficiary of the treasure was Harry Wright, who was born in Liberty in 1877. After his father died, Harry and his brothers and sisters left the area and moved to Mexico. The father had left the family with a legacy of unpaid taxes, yet Harry ended up owning the second largest steel and copper firm in Mexico. He was a wealthy man.

Harry's father, George, had been a founder of the tobacco firm of Bolling Wright, & Co. He had owned land north of Liberty, near Fancy Farm. The tobacco plant had been destroyed by fire in 1887, and George died in 1890. Family properties soon defaulted on taxes, and the court sold land in 1893 to collect those taxes.

At the start of the Twentieth Century, the United States was seen as a land of opportunity. The two youngest Wright children were still in school, and their mother, Betty, was alive. Why would Harry and his siblings go to Mexico? That country was in ferment: protests, revolution, coups, and counter coups. Were they running away, or did Mexico look like a place of greater opportunity?

At least six of the eight children went to live in Mexico, and in the early 1930's five were still living there.

Of the eight, only sister Mildred (who studied interior decorating in New York and Paris) and sister Veta (who studied at Hollins) received advanced schooling. But they all had enough money to give the outward appearance of being affluent.

The book, Our Kin, reports on the lives and careers of those Wright siblings through 1930. Veta was an aviatrix, flying around South America. Mildred studied in Paris. Brother Sam was a world traveler. Brother George lived in Latin America and wrote short stories. Brother Max was an amateur golf champion and belonged to a number of clubs. Sister Della travelled and was noted for supporting charities. And Harry was known as a philantropist.

Harry had a warm spot in his heart for the Bedford area. He explored the idea of buying one of Bedford's banks in 1927. He donated a silver trophy to the Country Club to be awarded to the annual golf champion.

He got out of the metal business in the early 1940's, selling his "La Consolidada S.A." to Shields and Company. Then, in 1945, he and a brother-in-law bought a ranch with 2,200 head of cattle in New Mexico. He had earlier bought part interest in another ranch near Silver City. The combined operations included 65,000 acres of grazing land. In addition, they leased 100,000 more acres.

In 1948 he donated $25,000 to buy the old Lyle home so that it could become the "Betty Pannil Wright Home for Old Ladies." He entrusted an old employer, M. T. Harrison to set up an association to handle the Home. Wright showed much faith: Harrison was 91 at the time.

Did Harry find the Beale treasure and then go to Mexico to live off its bounty? With so many people in the family, it seems unlikely: surely the story would have leaked out by now. Perhaps Harry's father left his wife and children a nest egg after all. More likely Harry was indeed the "business genius" his family said he was. His successes were recognized in Reader's Digest and in Fortune magazines. He had no children. He apparently shared what he had generously with his brothers and sisters.

Harry Wright was clearly a talented man who made his way -and fortune - in a foreign land, but who always stayed in touch with friends in Bedford county. . . ."

Our Kin provided as follows regarding George D. Wright and his family:

"George Delaraine Wright, son of John A. and Sibyl (Craft) Wright, was born at Kelso's Mill, Bedford County, Virginia, July 6, 1848, and died in Liberty (now Bedford), Va., August 8, 1890.

He was educated at Washington and Lee University, and became a leading tobacconist of Liberty, being junior member of the firm of Bolling, Wright and Company, Tobacco Manufacturers.

He married, November 4, 1875, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Pannill, who was born at Glade Hill, Va., November 11, 1850, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 4, 1907. Their children were all born in Liberty, Va., and are as follows:

(1) Harry, born August 25, 1877; business genius; capitalist; philanthropist; world traveler. He has lived in Mexico City for many years and has identified himself with the industrial, fraternal and social life of that city. He is founder and president of the Consolidated Rolling Mills and Foundries Company of Mexico City; trustee of Bank of Montreal, Mexico City; president of American Univeristy Club; reorganizer and president of Mexico City Country Club; member American Club; honorary member of Knights of Columbus; a Shriner, an Elk; and a Rotarian.

During the World War he operated a munitions factory at Stamford, Conn.

On September 4, 1906, Harry Wright married Edna Josephine McCauley in Louisville, Kentucky. They have no children.

(2) Della Pannill, born March 27, 1879. Unmarried; lives in Seattle, Washington. Interests: politics, travel, and crippled children. Instructor of surgical dressings for American Red Cross at University of Washington during World War. Has done outstanding organization work in various charities. Member of Seattle Woman's University Club, Woman's Democratic Club, Seattle Woman's Club, University District Improvement Club, and various charity organizations.

(3) Max, born April 20, 1881; married, December 23, 1904, Annie Fontaine Whiddon of Thomasville, Georgia; lives in Mexico City. He is an expert rollerman and is associated with the Consolidated Rolling Mills and Foundries Company of Mexico City. He is an amateur golf champion, a Mason, an Elk, a Rotarian, and a member of each the American and the Country Clubs of Mexico City.

Children:

(a) Robert Delaraine, born in Shreveport, Louisiana, March 7, 1906; spent his childhood in Mexico City; was educated at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; now foreign representative of the Simmons Bed Company at Barcelona, Spain.

(b) Mackie, born in Mexico City, February 22, 1907; now a student at University of Virginia, where he is an outstanding athlete, and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

(4) Ula Frances, born April 8, 1883; married, August, 1909, Maurice Henry Keyser of El Paso, Texas, who is now legal adviser for the American Smelting and Refining Company at Pachuca, Mexico, where they reside:

Children:

(a) Elizabeth Davis, born in Mexico City, July 12, 1910; now attending University of Washington. Member Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

(b) Mildred Wright, born in Mexico City, June 20, 1914; now attending John Marshall High School, Seattle, Washington.

(5) George Delaraine, born February 8, 1885; unmarried. Spent his youth in Havana, Cuba, and Latin America; now living in New York City; linguist; writer of short, humorous, negro stories. Exempt from service in World War because of deafness.

(6) Samuel Bolling, born February 14, 1886; married in Mexico City, November 18, 1914, Marion Jennings Conger of Cooperstown, New York. He is vice-president of the Consolidated Rolling Mills and Foundries Company of Mexico City. Was Chairman of Liberty Loan Committee of Mexico City during World War. President of American Board of Education; built present American School; trustee of American Hospital. Member of American Club, University Club, and Country Club. A Shriner, a Rotarian, and a world traveler.

Children:

(a) Samuel Bolling, Jr., born in Galveston, Texas, July 8, 1915.

(b) Harry, II, born in Mexico City, July 17, 1916.

(c) Evelyn Pannill, born May 6, 1917.

(d) Edward Orrin, born September 19, 1919.

(e) Sydney Conger, born November 18, 1920.

(7) Mildred Sybil, born February 28, 1888; married in Pachuca, Mexico, April 18, 1918, George Hubert Petty of Kansas City, Mo., who died January 4, 1924, in

Phoenix, Arizona. She is an interior decorator - graduate of New York School of Interior Decoration; courses in New York and Paris. Resides in Seattle, Washington, where she is a member of the Woman's City Club, University District Improvement Club, and Children's Orthopedic Hospital Board.

(8) Veta Elizabeth, born July 10, 1890; educated at Hollins College; married, August, 1912, at Old Point Comfort, in the chapel of Fortress Monroe, George Lawrence Rihl of Washington, D.C. Resides in Mexico City, where her husband is actively engaged in aviation, being president of the Pacific, American International Aviation Company. She is a well known aviatrix, and is now (January, 1930) on a three months flying tour over South America."

vi. Mary F. (Wright) Beard, Her Husband James P. Beard, And Her Descendants

Mary F. (Wright) Beard was a daughter of 1886 John Ashwith or Asher Wright of Bedford County and Sybil (Craft) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1886 John A.[4])

1850 Census Botetourt County, Virginia listed Mary F. J. Wright in the John A. Wright household and her age as 2/12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in 1850.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary F. Wright in the John A. Wright household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mary F. Wright in the John A. Wright household and her age as 20 and born in Virginia.

The marriage record of Mary F. Wright and James P. Beard was dated on January 30, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, James P. Beard and Mary F Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 29 day of January 1878

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage Jany 30th 1878
Place of Marriage Bedford Co Va
Full Names of Parties Married James P. Beard & Mary F. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 27 years
Age of Wife, 27 years
Condition of Husband, (widowed or single), Single
Condition of Wife, (widowed or single), Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Birth, Botetourt Co. Va.
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co. Va.
Names of Husband's Parents, G. L. & Elizabeth Beard
Names of Wife's Parents John A & Sibyl Wright
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 29 day of January 1878

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage.

I Certify, That on the thirtieth day of January 1878 at Bedford Co. Va I united in Marriage the above-named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

John Ruff"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed the following people in the Jno. A. Wright household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Relationship	Marital Status
Jno A. Wright	W	M	71		W
Mary F. Beard	W	F	30	Daughter	M
James P. Beard	W	M	30	Son in law	M
Carey Beard	W	M	5/12	G Son	S
Eliza Wright	Mu	F	16	Servat	S
Wm Hurt	B	M	18	Boarder	S

Occupation	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
Farmer	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Keeping house	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
At home	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Domestic Servt	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Farm laborer	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

The will of John A. Wright dated May 5, 1884, and probated on August 23, 1886, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 26/300 listed Mary F. Beard as his daughter:

> ". . . . Item Second. I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary F. Beard one hundred and fifty four and sixteen one hundredths acres of my land, composed of the following tracts, to wit: One tract of one hundred and two and thirty one one hundredths acres on which is situated the dwelling house in which I now live and bounded as follows: commencing at a poplar at the spring, thence N. 43 W. 52 6/10 poles to the north point of a large flat rock N. 19- 1/2 W. 9 4/5 poles to a dogwood near a branch N. 60-1/4 E. 43-1/2 poles to a cherry tree N. 24-1/2 E. 140-1/2 poles N. 63 E. 57 poles and 20 links to a large chestnut corner to R. N. Kelso, thence along his line S. 8-1/2 E. 121 poles to a gum tree S. 57 W 116 20/100 poles to a stone S. 12-1/4 E. 16 poles to a stone S 23 W 20 poles to a gate post S. 61 W 24 92/100 poles to a stake in McGhee's line and long his line N 31-1/4 W 20 poles to the first station; also the family grave yard as it is now fenced, and another tract of Fifty one and eighty five one hundredth acres of my home tract of land to be cut off lots nos. 2 and 3 of a plat and survey made by W. J. Hubard and lying between the lines of the 102 3/100 acre tract hereinbefore mentioned and the land hereinafter willed to my son George D. Wright; to be held by her during her life and in case she dies without issue living at her death shall pass equally to William M. Wright, George D. Wright and the children of James E. Wright deceased, per stirpes: . . . .

Item 7th. I will and bequeath the stock owned by me in the Atlantic, Pacific and Rail Road Tunnel Company to my three children G. D. Wright, William M. Wright, Mary F. Beard and the children of James E. Wright deceased, to be taken and held by the per stirpes: . . . ."

f. Mildred "Milly" Wright

Mildred "Milly" Wright was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Mildred Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 9

we alot to Mildred Wright containing 158 acres of land in Franklin on the waters of linvill creek & Laid off as follows Begining at Paynes & simmons corner pointers thence along the line of Lot No 10 N 37 W 71 poles to a post oak near a old parth thence along Prathers line N 10 E 86 poles pointers N 31 E 85 poles to a post oak in wood line along his line S 57 E 241 poles to Simmons, corner red oak near the road thence along his line S 70-1/2 W 204 poles to Begining

Value of			$402
to pay Lot No 4	25	)	27
to pay Lot No 9	2	)	375 . . . ."

On May 1, 1843, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 18/181 Milly Wright sold her 158 acres of land to Stephen Wood:

"This Indenture made & entered into this May the first day One Thousand Eight hundred forty three Between Milly Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Stephen Wood of the County of Franklin and State aforesaid of the second part: Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four Hundred and fifty dollars to her in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold & confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell & confirm unto Stephen Wood his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Franklin & on the waters of Linville Creek & Bounded as follows Beginning at Paynes & Simmon's Corner Pointers thence a new line N 37 W 70 poles to a Post Oak near an old path thence runing with Prater's line No 10 E 86 poles to pointers N 31 E 85 poles to Post Oak in Stephen Woods line S 57 E 241 poles to Simmon's Corner Red Oak near the road thence along Simmons line S 70-1/2 W 204 poles to

the Begining containing One Hundred and fifty eight acres more or less. To Have & to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land together with all the priviledges & apurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise apertaining unto him the said Stephen Wood his heirs & assigns forever the said Milly Wright doth covenant for herself her heirs &c that she will forever warrant & defend the right & title of the aforesaid tract or parcel of land unto him the said Stephen Wood his heirs or assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons or manner of persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day and date first above written

Milly Wright

Bedford County To Wit

We Matthew Pate & Jno Claytor Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Milly Wright party to the within deed for the conveyance of real Estate bearing date on the first day of May 1843 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and desired us to certify the same to the Clerk of Franklin County in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 17" day of May 1843

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Franklin County the 5th day of June 1843.

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Milly Wright of the one part and Stephen Wood of the other part was exhibited into Court and together with the certificate hereon endorsed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Moses G. Carper C.F.C"

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Millie Wright with the following household on May 18:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
May 18	Millie Wright			2	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Tax on Do $ Cts	Clocks & Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

> "Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright defts
>
> Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright
>
> Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Milly Wright as a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Milley Wright with the following household:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
Mch 6	Milley Wright			2	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit
		Total amount of Tax Dollars Cents		
		.25(?)		

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Milley Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Milley Wright				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.20

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Milley Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Milley Wright				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.20

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Milley Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Milley Wright				2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100
	$60.00		

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		1.10

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mildred Right in the Right Right household and her age as 36 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1814.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M. Wright in the household of her mother Nancy Wright:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Nancy Wright	80	F			3,500
Wm. J. Jeter	23	M		Farmer	3,000
N. J. Jeter	20	F			
M. Wright	50	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
2,500	Virginia				
3,200	Virginia				
	Virginia	1			
3,000	Virginia				

The record indicates that Mildred Wright was born in about 1810. Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Mildred Wright was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The will of Millie Wright was dated on September 18, 1882, probated in December 1882 at Botetourt County, Virginia, W.B. O/69, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen:

I Millie Wright formerly of Bedford County, Virginia but present of Botetourt County Virginia, Living in the family of Edward Brugh where I have made my home for sixteen or more years. Realizing the uncertainty of life and Certainty of Death and being disposed to make a satisfactory Disposition of all of my concerns Spiritual and temporal and being of Sound and disposing mind do make this my Last Will And Testament, hereby revoking all other wills of a former date. To wit: That is to say - First - I surrender my soul to God who gave it - Secondly. After my Decease I wish my boddy decently burried - Thirdly after my death as soon as practicable, I want all of my just debts paid out of the proceeds of my Estate - The Residue of my Estate to go to my Niece, Nanny J A. Brugh (Present wife of Edward Brugh) and at her (the said Nannie J. A. Brughs) Death the whole of my Estate then Remaining to be equally Divided Between Pearl E. Brugh and Mary F. Brugh (Children of Edward Brugh and Nannie J. A. Brugh In fee simple to use and dispose of as may seem best to themselves - I hereby appoint My Friend Edward Brugh my Executor to Execute this my Last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seals this 18th day of September 1882.

Witness
Mark C. Graybill
John Ammen

her
Mille X Wright
mark

In Botetourt County Court December Term 1882

The last will and testament of Millie Wright deceased was this day proved by the oaths of M. Graybill and John Ammen Witness thereto and was ordered to be recorded And on the motion of Edward Brugh the executor in said will named who made oath as the law directs, and who together with Jacob P. Brugh his security, who made oath as to his sufficiency entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of $600.00 conditioned as the law directs, which said bond is ordered to be recorded, Certificate is granted the said Edward Brugh for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste
J. B. Simpson D.C."

The reference to her niece Nannie Brugh, the wife of Edward Brugh, clearly identifies this Millie Wright as the daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County.

On April 14, 1884, at Botetourt County, Virginia, W.B. O/164 Edward Brugh filed an accounting for the estate of Mildred Wright:

> "Statement and Settlement of the a/cs of Edward Brugh Exor of Mildred Wright dec'd made before W. B. Simmons Comr of accounts of Botetourt County after notice having been duly posted at the door of the Court House on the 1st day of February Term 1884.
>
> Edward Brugh Exor of Mildred Wright dec'd in a/c with estate of his deacased

1883				Dr
To amt collected of Jos. P. Wright on his bond				120.00
To amt collected from Peter Wright on his bond				50.00
To amt of Exors bond to intestate				150.00
Per Contra				320.00
By coms on 170 at 5%			8.50	
" paid Dr Geo A Boone for medical Bill	V1	20.00		
" paid N. R. Bowers for coffin	V2	16.00		
" " Dr E. N. Wood	V3	12.00		
" " Clerk's Tickets			3.98	
" Brinsterhoff & E. Vauzant for Tombstone	5		20.00	
" Brugh & Brother a/c	6		37.21	
" retained to pay for making and recording this settlement			5.00	
Bal due Estate			230.79	320.00
To Bal due Estate				$320.00

> The Exor's wife being the sole beneficiary under the will the whole amt has been paid over to the same by Exor see receipt filed as Voucher 7.
>
> Wm. B. Simmons Comr of accounts
> for Botetourt County.
>
> In Botetourt County Court April 14, 1884
>
> A Statement and Settlement of the Accounts of Edward Brugh Exor of Mildred Wright dec'd having been returned to the Clerk's office of this court more than thirty

days since and there being no exceptions thereto, the same is confirmed and ordered to be recorded

A Copy Teste
Turner McDowell D.C."

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a statement by Mrs. N. A. McManaway regarding her family:

"Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.

Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died). Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.

The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

Our Kin listed the birth date of Milly Wright as on December 31, 1810, and stated that she died unmarried at the home of her niece Mrs. Edward Brugh.

g. Nancy (Wright) Johnson, Her Husband Francis Johnson, And Her Descendants

Nancy (Wright) Johnson was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

The Johnson-Graves Family Bible, Virginia State Library Accession No. 34325 listed the following family information:

"Family Record.

Deaths.

Susan Johnson Dparted this life Febuary 18th 1837

Thomas Johnson aged 90 years & 11 days Dparted this life October 17th 1840

Jesse L Johnson Departed this life the Febuary 26th 1841

Nancy Johnson Departed this life March 6th 1838

Sarah Ann Amereca Johnson Departed this life July 28 1886

Thomas J Johnson Departed this life January the 27 1905 age 76 years 3 mos

Francis Johnson, Departed this life May 12th 1851

Clarra E Lipscomb Departed this life Febry 10th 1856

Martha F. Johnson Departed This life March the 17 1857

Mrs Nancy Johnson departed this life the 21st day of February 1883, aged 70 yrs 7 mo & 4 days

Wm F. Graves departed this life July 3rd 1923 Aged 90 years & 9 months

Mary J. Graves departed this life Nov. 23rd 1936 aged 97 yrs & 7 mos & 10 days.

Joseph M. Johnson depated this life November 2, 1929

Births.

Florence O daughter of Wm F & Mary J. Graves was born August 24th 1880

John Thomas Graves son of Wm F. & Mary J Graves was born November 5th 1858.

Marie Willie Graves daughter of William F. & Mary J. Graves was born 2nd day of February 1861.

Francis Peyton Graves son of Wm. F. & Mary J Graves, was born the 6th day of Feruary 1864

Joseph Pleasant Graves 3d son of Wm F Graves and Mary J his wife was born the 17th day of Decr 1866.

Nannie Leslie Graves 2nd daughter of Wm F & Mary J Gravis was born the 2nd day of March 1869

Oscar son of Wm F & Mary J Graves was born Jan 20th 1884

Alice Overton Graves daughter of Wm F. and Mary J. Graves was born the 7th day of November 1871.

_nie James daughter if Wm F & M J Graves was born February 25th 1874.

Stuart Graves was born the 25th day of January 1876

Nunie Curtis Graves was born 28th day of March 1878.

Drury Francis son of Thos J. and Mary C. Johnson was born the 27th day of February 1870.

Dora Leslie, daughter of Thos J. and Mary C. Johnson was born the 10th day of August 1871

Wade Hampton Johnson was born the 21st day of Decr 1873.

Thos Madison Johnson was born Augst 20th 1877.

Joseph Lester Johnson was born July 31st 1880.

Francis Johnson son of Thomas Johnson was born April 27th, 1797.

Susan Johnson was born July 22nd 1803.

Drury Johnson son of Francis Johnson was born October 30th 1824.

Thomas Johnson son of Francis Johnson was born October 26th 1828.

Sarah Ann America Johnson daughter of Francis Johnson was born June 23th 1831

Susan Francis Johnson daughter of Francis Johnson was born July 7th 1832.

Jesse Lee Johnson Son of Francis Johnson was born September 30th 1835

Mary Jane Johnson daughter of Francis Nancy Johnson was born April 13th 1839

Nancy Johnson was born July 17th 1812

Joseph Mathew Johnson son of Francis Nancy Johnson was born December 25th 1841

Nancy Mildred Johnson daughter of Francis & Nancy Johnson was born March 18th 1846

Martha Francis Johnson daughter of Francis and Nancy Johnson was born February 21st 1850

Clarra E Lipscomb was born September 13th 1855 Daughter of George Lipscomb

Marriages.

Francis Johnson and Susan Holland were married January 14th 1824

Francis Johnson and Nancy Wright were married April 12th 1838

George D Lipscomb and Susan F Johnson was married September 21st 1854

William F Graves and Mary J. Johnson was married January 20th 1858

John M Parker and Nannie M. Johnson was married November 15th 1865

Joseph M Johnson and Fannie L. Johnson was married April 1st 1866.

Thos J. Johnson and Mary C. Meador was married the 23d day of May 1869."

In summary, this record indicates that Nancy (Wright) Johnson was born on July 7, 1812, married Francis Johnson on April 12, 1838, and died on February 21, 1883, that Francis Johnson was born on April 27, 1797, married first Susan Holland on January 14, 1824, and died on May 12, 1851, and that Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Francis Johnson had the following children:

1) Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves, born on April 13, 1839,
2) Joseph Mathew Johnson, born on December 25, 1841,
3) Nancy Mildred (Johnson) Parker, born on March 18, 1846, and
4) Martha Francis Johnson, born on February 21, 1850.

Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Nancy (Wright) Johnson was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The marriage bond of Nancy Wright, daughter of Matthew, and Francis Johnson was dated on April 4, 1838, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Wright H. Wright as surety:

> "To Mr Mitchel Clark of Bedford Court Sir this is to Certify you that I have no Objection to your Granting Francis Johnson Licens to marry my Daughter Nancy Given under my hand this 4th day of April 1838
>
> Matthew Wright

Know all men by these presents, That we Francis Johnson and Wright H. Wright are held and firmly bound unto David Campbell Esqr Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, to the said Governor, or his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c. Sealed and dated this 4" day of April, 1838.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Francis Johnson and Nancy Wright Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness, Francis Johnson
Wright H. Wright

To the Clerk of Bedford county

I certify to the following list of Marriages in the County of Bedford to Wit
. . . .

Francis Johnson to Nancy Wright
. . . ."

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Nancy Johnson as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 1 alot to Nancy Johnson containing 31 acres land of as follows Begining at pointers corner to the dower & Lot No 2 thence along the lines of the dower N 83 E 49 poles to a maple on greers branch thence down the same as it meanders S 5 E 6 poles S 37 E 12 poles S 1 W 34 poles S 12 W 22 poles to pointers in John Wrights line and along his line S 59 W 23 poles to Pates corner pointers and along her line N 62 W 71 poles to a white oak on on Beaverdam creek along the line of Lot No 2 N 48 E 52 poles to the Begining Value of $497

To pay Lot No 7	$77	)		
To pay Lot N8	45	)	$122	122
				$375

. . . ."

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright defts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Nancy (Wright) Johnson as a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright and her husband as Francis Johnson.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Francis Johnson with the following household:

Name	Age	Occupation	Born
Francis Johnson	53	Farmer	Virginia
Nancy	39		Virginia
Thomas	22		Virginia
America	19		Virginia
Susan F.	17		Virginia
Jane (?)	11		Virginia
Joseph	8		Virginia
Mildred	4		Virginia
Sara	8/12		Virginia

The older three children were from Francis Johnson's prior marriage, as set forth in the Johnson-Graves Family Bible.

On April 24, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/561 Nancy Johnson sold her interest in the dower estate of Nancy Wright to Wright H. Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into the 24' day of April 1852, between Nancy Johnson of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia of the first part, and Wright H. Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth, that I Nancy Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to me in hand paid, have granted, bargained, sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Wright H. Wright the whole of my interest in the dower land of Nancy Wright relict of Matthew Wright deceased. the said interest being one undivided tenth of said dower land which said land lying and being situate on the waters of Beaverdam creek in the County of Bedford State of Virginia, and bounded by the land of Nancy Johnson, Joseph P. Wright, Wright H. Wright and Peter M. Wright, with all the appurtenances, and all the right title interest claim and

demand of me in the premises. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances unto the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs in fee simple forever. And I the said Nancy Johnson for myself and heirs do hereby covenant with the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs and assigns, that I am now the owner of said interest and am seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein and that I have full right to sell and convey the same and that the said interest is free from all incumbrance and that I the said Nancy Johnson and my heirs will warrant and defend the said interest unto the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs forever. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written.

Nancy Johnson

Bedford County to Wit

I John Claytor a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do certify that Nancy Johnson whose name is signed to the writing within, hereunto annexed, bearing date the 24" day of April 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 24" day of April 1852.

Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of August 1852.

This deed from Nancy Johnson to Wright H. Wright, was produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur Clk."

On May 31, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/362, Nancy Johnson sold one-half of Lot No. 1 in the division of Matthew Wright's estate to Joel Gibbs:

"This deed made 31st day of May 1856, between Nancy Johnson of the first part & Joel Gibbs of the second part Witnesseth that the said Nancy Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred & ten dollars. Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold unto the said Joel Gibbs a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the county of Bedford Va adjoining the land of Matthew Pate deceased on Beaverdam creek being part of Lot No 1 in the division of Matthew Wright's landed estate bounded as follows beginning at pointers on Beaverdam Creek a persimon & maple thence new line with Wright H Wright S 76 E x Beaverdam creek at 1/2 pole +ing a branch at 80 poles in all 84.32 poles to pointers a pine & persimon bushs. thence down the branch with

the line of Peter M Wright sen E 12-1/2 W 22 poles to pointers on said branch in the line of the said Peter M. Wright sen (formerly John Wright) thence along along said line and off from Branch S 59 W 23 poles to Pates corner pointers thence along his line S 62 W 71 poles to a white oak on Beaverdam creek thence along the line of lot No 2 S 48 E 52 poles to the beginning containing fifteen & half acres. The said Nancy Johnson doth hereby convey & covenant that she will warrant with generally warranty the land hereby conveyed to Joel Gibbs his heirs &c forever

Witness the following signature & seal

Nancy Johnson

Bedford County to wit

This day Nancy Johnson personally appeared before me Robert Johnson a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bedford and acknowledged the within Deed to be her deed and act. Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1856

Robert Johnson J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of June 1856 This deed from Nancy Johnson to Joel Gibbs conveying real estate was produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur Clk"

On May 31, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/367 Nancy Johnson sold one-half of Lot No. 1 in the division of Matthew Wright's estate to Wright H. Wright:

"This Indenture made this 31st day of may one thousand eight hundred & fifty six Between Nancy Johnson of the first & Wright H. Wright of the second part both of the county of Bedford and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that said Nancy Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred & Ten dollars. Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sold unto the said Wright H Wright a certain Lot or parcel of land it being and lying in the County aforesaid & adjoining the lands of Peter M Wright and being on Beaverdam Creek it being one half of lot No 1 in the land estate of Mathew Wright decd and bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers in the dower thence along the line lot No 2 N 48 W 33 poles to pointers on Beaverdam creek Viz Maple & persimon. Thence a new line S 76 E crossing Beaverdam Creek 1/2 pole thence crossing Graers branch at 80 poles in all 84.32 poles to pointers a

pine & persimmon bushes Thence up the branch with P. M. Wright line N 1 E 34 pole N 37 W 12 poles thince N 5 W 6 poles to the dower lot thence off from the branch & along the dower N 83 W 49 poles to the beginning. And containing 15-1/2 Acres and the said Nancy Johnson doth hereby convey warrent & declare the right & title of the said land to the said Wright H Wright to be free from the claims of herself heirs or others forever.

Witness the following signature and seal

Witness Nancy Johnson

Bedford County to Wit

This day Nancy Johnson personally appeared before me Robert Johnson a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Bedford and acknowledged the within deed to be her deed and act. Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1856

Robert Johnson J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of June 1856

This deed from Nancy Johnson to Wright H Wright conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste A A Arthur CBC"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Nancy Johnson with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Personal Prop.	Real Prop.	Born
Nancy Johnson	45	F	3,700	7,000	Virginia
Jos. M. Johnson	18	M		1,000	Virginia
N. M. Johnson	14	F		1,000	Virginia

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a statement by Mrs. N. A. McManaway regarding her family:

"Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter

Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.

Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died). Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.

The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

Our Kin stated that Nancy Wright was a daughter of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on July 17, 1812, and married Francis or Frank Johnson and that they had the following children:

1) Jane (Johnson) Graves,

2) Joseph Johnson, and

3) Nancy (Johnson) Parker.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Frank or Francis Johnson were the following:

1) Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves, born on April 13, 1839, at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Joseph Mathew Johnson, born on December 25, 1841, at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Nancy Mildred (Johnson) Parker, born on March 18, 1846, at Virginia, and

4) Martha Francis or Sara Johnson, born on February 21, 1850, at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

i. Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves, Her Husband William F. Graves, And Her Descendants

Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Francis or Frank Johnson. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Nancy[4])

The Johnson-Graves Family Bible, Virginia State Library Accession No. 34325 listed the following family information for Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves and William F. Graves:

"Family Record.

Deaths.

. . . .

Wm F. Graves departed this life July 3rd 1923 Aged 90 years & 9 months

Mary J. Graves departed this life Nov. 23rd 1936 aged 97 yrs & 7 mos & 10 days.

. . . .

Births.

Florence O daughter of Wm F & Mary J. Graves was born August 24th 1880

John Thomas Graves son of Wm F. & Mary J Graves was born November 5th 1858.

Marie Willie Graves daughter of William F. & Mary J. Graves was born 2nd day of February 1861.

Francis Peyton Graves son of Wm. F. & Mary J Graves, was born the 6th day of Feruary 1864

Joseph Pleasant Graves 3d son of Wm F Graves and Mary J his wife was born the 17th day of Decr 1866.

Nannie Leslie Graves 2nd daughter of Wm F & Mary J Gravis was born the 2nd day of March 1869

Oscar son of Wm F & Mary J Graves was born Jan 20th 1884

Alice Overton Graves daughter of Wm F. and Mary J. Graves was born the 7th day of November 1871.

__nie James daughter if Wm F & M J Graves was born February 25th 1874.

Stuart Graves was born the 25th day of January 1876

Nunie Curtis Graves was born 28th day of March 1878.

. . . .

Mary Jane Johnson daughter of Francis Nancy Johnson was born April 13th 1839

. . . .

Marriages.

. . . .

William F Graves and Mary J. Johnson was married January 20th 1858

. . . ."

In summary, this record indicates that Mary Jane Johnson was born on April 13, 1839, married William F. Graves on January 20, 1858, and died on November 23, 1936, that William F. Graves was born in about November 1832 and died on July 3, 1923, and that Mary Jane (Johnson) Graves and William F. Graves had the following children:

1) John Thomas Graves, born on November 5, 1858,
2) Marie Willie Graves, born on February 2, 1861,
3) Francis Peyton Graves, born on February 6, 1864,
4) Joseph Pleasant Graves, born on December 17, 1866,
5) Nannie Leslie Graves, born on March 2, 1869,
6) Alice Overton Graves, born on November 7, 1871,
7) _nie James Graves, born on February 25, 1874
8) Stuart Graves, born on January 25, 1876,
9) Nunie Curtis Graves, born on March 28, 1878,
10) Florence O. Graves, born on August 24, 1880, and
11) Oscar Graves, born on January 20, 1884.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jane (?) Johnson in the Francis Johnson household and her age as 11 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William F. Graves with the following household on July 9, 1860, at Davis Mills:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Property	Born
Wm F. Graves	29		Farmer	$3500	Virginia	
M. J. Graves	20				Virginia	
J. T. Graves	1	M			Virginia	

This record indicates that M. Jane (Johnson) Graves was born about 1840 and that William F. Graves was born about 1832

Our Kin stated that Jane Johnson was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Frank Johnson and married William F. Graves and that they had the following children:

1) Willie Graves,
2) John T. Graves,
3) Frank Graves,
4) Nannie Graves,
5) Joseph Graves,
6) Alice Graves,
7) Minnie Graves,
8) Nunie Graves,
9) Florence Graves,
10) Stuart Graves, and
11) Oscar Graves.

ii. Joseph Mathew Johnson And His Wife Fannie L. Or Leslie (____) (Woodruff) Johnson

Joseph Mathew Johnson was a son of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Francis or Frank Johnson. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Nancy[4])

The Johnson-Graves Family Bible, Virginia State Library Accession No. 34325 listed the following family information for Joseph Mathew Johnson:

"Family Record.

Deaths.
. . . .

Joseph M. Johnson depated this life November 2, 1929

Births.
. . . .

Joseph Mathew Johnson son of Francis Nancy Johnson was born December 25th 1841
. . . .

Marriages.
. . . .

Joseph M Johnson and Fannie L. Johnson was married April 1st 1866.
. . . ."

In summary, this record indicates that Joseph Mathew Johnson was born on December 25, 1841, married Fannie L. Johnson on April 1, 1866, and died on November 2, 1929.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph Johnson in the Francis Johnson household and his age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jos. M. Johnson in the Nancy Johnson household and his age as 18, personal property $1,000, and born in Virginia.

Our Kin stated that Joseph Johnson was a son of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Frank Johnson and married Mrs. Leslie (Woodruff) Johnson.

iii. Nancy Mildred (Johnson) Parker And Her Husband John Parker

Nancy Mildred (Johnson) Parker was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Francis or Frank Johnson. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Nancy[4])

The Johnson-Graves Family Bible, Virginia State Library Accession No. 34325 listed the following family information for Nancy Mildred (Johnson) Parker:

"Family Record.

. . . .

Births.

Nancy Mildred Johnson daughter of Francis & Nancy Johnson was born March 18th 1846

. . . .

Marriages.

. . . .

John M Parker and Nannie M. Johnson was married November 15th 1865

. . . ."

In summary, this record indicates that Nancy Mildred Johnson was born on March 18, 1846, and married John M. Parker on November 15, 1865.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mildred Johnson in the Francis Johnson household and her age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1856.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed N. M. Johnson in the Nancy Johnson household and her age as 14, personal property $1,000, and born in Virginia.

Our Kin stated that Nancy Johnson was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Frank Johnson, and married John Parker.

iv. Martha Francis Or Sara Johnson

Martha Francis or Sara Johnson was a daughter of Nancy (Wright) Johnson and Francis or Frank Johnson. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Nancy[4])

The Johnson-Graves Family Bible, Virginia State Library Accession No. 34325 listed the following family information for Martha Francis Johnson:

"Family Record.

. . . .

Births.

. . . .

Martha Francis Johnson daughter of Francis and Nancy Johnson was born February 21st 1850

. . . .

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sara Johnson in the Francis Johnson household and her age as 8/12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849 or 1850.

The Sara Johnson listed as 8/12 years old would be the Martha Francis Johnson listed as born in February 1850 and Sara may have been a nickname for Martha Francis.

h. Lydia (Wright) Compton, Her Husband John Compton, And Her Descendants

Lydia (Wright) Compton was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Lydia (Wright) Compton was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The marriage bond of Lydia Wright, daughter of Matthew, and John Compton was dated on December 7, 1833, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Wilson Meador as surety and the marriage on December 19, 1833:

"Mr Robert C. Mitchell C.B.C.

This is to certify that I willingly consent for you to issue License, in order to Join together John Compton & Lydia Wright (my daughter) in the holy state of Matrimony. 22nd Nov 1833.

Teste — Yours Respitfully
Wilson Meador — Matthew Wright

Know all men by these presents that we John Cumpton and Wilson Meador are held and firmly bound unto John Floyd Esqr. Govenor or chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars, to the

payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Govenor or his successors for the use of the Commonwealth we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, Executors, and administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents - Sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of December 1833. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound John Compton & Lydia Wright of Bedford County. If therefore there be no legal cause to obstruct the same then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and firtue

Teste — John Compton
Ro. N. Dickerson — Wilson Meador

John Compton & Lydia Wright Decr 19 1833
. . . ."

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Lydia Compton as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 8

We alot to Lydia Compton containing 83 acres of land Laid of as follows Begining at pointers corner to Lot No 6 & 7 thene along the lines of Lot No 7 N 79 W 11 poles to pointers in James line thene along his line N 2-1/2 W 20 poles to a red oak in a Ivy cleft N 17 E 37-1/2 poles to a gum on a branch N 46 E 27 poles to Samuel wests corner white oak down on said branch thene along wests line N 48-1/2 E 28 poles to pointer in Ivy N 77 E 39 poles to James corner line along his line S 39 E 106 poles to a gum corner to lot No 6 along the lines of the same S 46-3/4 W 58 poles to the Begining . . . ."

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright defts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Lydia (Wright) Compton as a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright and her husband as John Compton.

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a statement by Mrs. N. A. McManaway regarding her family:

> "Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.
>
> Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died). Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.
>
> The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

Our Kin stated that Lydia Wright was a daughter of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on February 2, 1814, and married John Compton and that they had the following children:

1) Reverend James W. Compton
2) Mary E. Compton, and
3) John Nelson Compton.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton were the following:

1) James W. Compton,
2) Mary E. Compton, and
3) John Nelson Compton.

I. James W. Compton

James W. Compton was a son of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Lydia[4])

Our Kin stated that Reverend James W. Compton was a son of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton.

ii. Mary E. Compton

Mary E. Compton was a daughter of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Lydia[4])

Our Kin stated that Mary E. Compton was a daughter of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton.

iii. John Nelson Compton

John Nelson Compton was a son of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Lydia[4])

Our Kin stated that John Nelson Compton was a son of Lydia (Wright) Compton and John Compton.

i. Julia (Wright) Compton, Her Husband Isaiah Compton, And Her Descendants

Julia (Wright) Compton was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

The marriage bond of Julia Wright, daughter of Matthew, and Isaiah Compton was dated on February 20, 1837, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Wilson Meador as surety:

> "Mr Robert Mitchell Clerk of Bedford County Court you are hereby priviledged and on Application requested to Issue licence to marry my daughter Julia to Mr Isaah Compton given under my hand February 13th day 1837
>
> test Matthew Wright
> W Ganmed Junr.
>
> ---
>
> Know all men by these presents, That we Isaih Compton and Wilson Meador are held and firmly bound unto Wyndham Robertson Esq. Acting Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of Virginia, to which payment well and truly to be made, to the said Governor, or his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, &c. Sealed and dated this, 20th day of February, 1837.

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized, between the above bound Isaih Compton and Julia Wright Now, if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness,	Isaiah Compton
Ro. C. Mitchell	Wilson meador

A list of Mariges solemnized he the undersigned by virtue of License from the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford Virginia Viz: Josiah Cumpton To Jules wright February 23d 1837. . . .

Stephen Wood J.C."

Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth of Julia (Wright) Compton was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Julia Compton as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 7

We alott to Julia Compton containing 83 acres of Land laid of as follows Begining at James corner stake in the line of Lot No 4 thence along James lines N 65-1/2 W 95-1/2 poles to a walnut N 17 E 49-1/2 poles to a gum N 42-1/4 W 70 poles to a large rock near the mouth of a small branch N 50-1/2 E 6 poles to a blaze maple N 2-1/2 W 28 poles to pointer corner to Lot No 8 and along the lines of the same S 79 E 18 poles to pointers corner to Lot No 6 and along the lines of same & line of No 59 E 95 poles to a maple on a branch thene along the line of Lot No 4 S 14 W 60 poles to the Begining

Value of	$298.00
To receive of Lot No 1	77.00
	375 . . . ."

In July 1842 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/18 Peter M. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of Julia Compton:

"On the motion of Peter M. Wright who made oath and together with John Claytor his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four hundred dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for

obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Julia Compton Deceased in due form."

On July 24, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/162 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as administrator of the estate of Isaiah Compton:

"Ordered that Thomas Mead and Stephen C. Hurt or either of them, being first sworn, state and settle the account current of the estate of Isaiah Compton Deceased with Peter M. Wright his admr, and make report to Court."

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright Thrifts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Julia (Wright) Compton as a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright and her husband as John Compton and indicates that she was then deceased.

In March 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/261 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as administrator of the estate of Julia Compton:

"Ordered that Stephen C. Hurt and Thomas Mead or either of them, being first sworn, state and settle the account current of the estate of Julia Cumpton Deceased with Peter M. Wright Admr. and make report to Court."

In August 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/319 Peter M. Wright was appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton, and Henry G. Compton, orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton:

"Ordered that Peter M Wright be appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton and Henry G. Compton orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton deceased and thereupon he together with Wilson Meador and

Joseph P. Wright his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned according to law."

This record identifies the children of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton.

In May 1847 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/372 a commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as administrator of the estate of Isaiah Compton:

"It appearing to the Court that about two years ago an order was directed to be made appointing Thomas Mead Commissioner to settle the account current of the estate of Isaiah Compton deceased with Peter M. Wright his administrator and also the account current of the estate of Matthew Wright deceased with the said Peter M. Wright his administrator which orders were omitted to be made, the Court doth order that the said Thomas Mead after being first sworn for the purpose state and settle said accounts and make report thereof to Court."

On June 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/457 an accounting for the estate of Isaiah Compton was filed by Peter M. Wright:

"A Statement and settlement of the account current of the estate of Isaiah Compton Decd. with Peter M Wright his administrator March 7" 1846

Peter M Wright - To the estate of Isaiah Compton Decd	Dr
1843 Novr 9th The balance of Isaiah Comptons Est. Was settled up to the 9" Novr. 1843 was $236.63 (subject to the admrs Comms. at 7 per cent on $1888.08)	$236.62
Cr. By deduct comms. allowed admr	132.16
	104.47
and Interest on $104.47 from 9" Nov. 1843 till 9 Nov. 1845	12.53
1844 Jany 1st	
To rent of plantation for the year 1843 now due by Jas. T Grigsby	60.00
and Interest till 9" Novr 1845	6.69
1845 July 1st	
To rent of Jas. S Grigsby for the year 1844	55.00
Interest till 9" Novr. 1845	1.15
	$239.84
" Novr 9th	
Cr By amount of payments from oposit page	216.70
	23.14
" " " To Balance due the estates this day	23.14

Peter M Wright administrator of Isaiah Compton Decd Credited By the following list of payments for the estate of sd Compton

1844 Cr December 31st By keeping a sickley negro woman & her three youngest children & clothing from 9th Novr 1843 to this date as settled by S Dearen & R Wheeler as called on as arbitrators	$108.00
and Interest on the same till 9th November 1845	5.56
1845 Decr 31st By keeping & clothing, Wm & Jerry Mariah & Martha from 31st Decr 1844 to this time let at the lowes bidder	25.00
and Emily was keped for her victuals & clothes for the year 1845	
1843 Decr. 1st By this sum paid Wingfield & Johnson fee for Cocr	5.00
and Interes till 9th Novr. 1845	.38
1844 Jany 22nd " Paid Henry W Moseley Doct bill	50.00
" and interest till 9th Novr 1845	3.23
" August 9th Paid taxes for year 1844	4.03
" Interest till 9th Novr 1845	.30
1845 April 18th " Paid J Bondsack his acct	.86
" Sept 11th " Paid Clerks tickets $1.87 & taxes for 1845 $1.80	3.67
	206.23
" Novr 9" " Admr. Commr on $135.37 of 2nd clollection at 7 per Cent	9.47
	$215.70
By this sum charged by Commr for going and settling the acct, one day	1.00
	$216.70

NB The administrators commision has been stated in the foregoing acct on Collections at 7 per cent as allowed in former settlement, but the commr. and all the other settlement is herewith submitted to the further action of the Court done by order of Court made at May term 1847

By Jno S. Mead commr.

At a Court held for Bedford County June 29" 1847

This account current of the estate of Isaiah Compton Deceased with Peter M Wright his administrator was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions - and thereafter to Wit. At a Court held for said County July 26 1847 no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe C.B.C."

This record indicates that Isaiah Compton had died before November 9, 1843.

On June 29, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/458 an accounting for the estate of Julia Compton was filed by Peter M. Wright:

"A Statement and Settlement of the account current of the Estate of Julia Compton Decd with Peter M Wright her administrator

1842 Peter M Wright	
October 19th	
To the estate of Julia Compton Decd.	Dr
To this sum of Matthew Wrights admr in eqalising the lots of land	$77.27
and Interest on same till 1st July 1844	7.85
" Novr 9th	
To bond received of George Holdron & H Terry	40.00
" Interest till 1st July 1844	3.94
1843 Jany 1st	
" Acct received of J. P. Wright for the year 1842	5.00
Interest till 1st July 1844	.41
" July 1st	
" Ten dollars received for oats	10.00
Interest till 1st July 1844	.60
" August 5"	
" Account of list of sale due this day	196.44
Interest on the same 1st July 1844	10.63
1844 July 1st	
" Rent of Bannister Meador for the year 1843	10.23
	$352.47

Peter M. Wright administrator of Julia Compton Decd. credited by the following list of payments made for said Estate

1842 July	
This sum paid for horse tax for year 1842	$ .12½
" Nov 9th	
By this sum paid to Julia Compton's note due this day	263.60
" Interest till 1st July 1844	25.95
" Oct. 19"	
" payment of note on Julia Compton for	22.42
" Interest till 1st July 1844	2.28
" Decr 2nd	
" Paid John Burne for Pasture	1.31
" Interest till 1st July 1844	.12
1843 July 22nd	
" Paid Wm Gish's acct.	4.27
Interest till 1st July 1844	.25

" Sept 1st	
" Paid Clerk's & sheriffs tickets	2.88
Interest till 1st July 1844	.12
" Oct 23rd	
" Paid Doct D Tompkins act	50.00
Interest on same till 1st July 1844	2.00
" March 9th	
" Paid Stephen C Hurt & C. amount of acct.	14.53
Interest on same till 1st July 1844	1.13
1844 July	
" Paid land tax for year 1844 & clerks ticket	.67
	391.71
" Commr on $352.47 collect at 6 per cent	21.12
" Paid Commr for setling this act a hal day	1.00
	413.83
Debit from oposit page	352.47
	61.36
Balance Due the admr.	61.36

Julia Compton was entitled to an interest in her fathers Est amounting to $421.58 as of the 1st July 1844 & not entered in the above

The above settlement was made in pursuance of an order the County Court of Bedford at March Court 1844 & all herewith submitted for the aproval of said Court

July 1844 By Thos Mead Commr.

At a Court held for Bedford County June 29" 1847

This account current of the estate of Julia Compton, deceased with her administrator was produced in Court and ordered to lie one term for exceptions. - And thereafter to Wit. - At a Court held for said County July 26" 1847 no exceptions having been taken thereto the same was ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno R Steptoe CBC"

This record indicates that Julia (Wright) Compton had died before October 19, 1842.

The accounting for the estate of Matthew Wright was dated on June 29, 1847, and filed at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 12/452 and stated that:

"There is no list of payments to Isaiah Compton or Julia his wife as both are dead & it will go into the hands of the Guardian and so settlement of Josiah Comptons act."

In January 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/3 commissioners were appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as administrator of the estate of Isaiah Compton and of the estate of Julia Compton:

"Ordered that Stephen C. Hurt and William Mead or either of them being first sworn state and settled the account current of Peter M. Wright as administrator of Matthew Wright deceased, also the account current of Peter M. Wright admr. of Isaiah Compton deceased, and also the account current of Peter M. Wright as admr. of Julia Compton deceased and make report thereof to Court."

In February 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/17 a new commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as administrator of the estate of Isaiah Compton and of the estate of Julia Compton:

"Ordered that John A. Wharton Commissioner of this Court, state & settle the account current of Peter M. Wright as guardian of Isaiah Compton & Julia Compton & make report thereof to Court."

In June 1851 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 30/536 a commissioner was appointed to settle the account of Peter M. Wright as guardian of the estate of Isaiah Compton and of the estate of Julia Compton:

"Ordered that John A. Wharton Commissioner of this Court, state & settle the account current of Peter M. Wright as guardian of Isaiah Compton & Julia Compton & make report thereof to Court."

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a statement by Mrs. N. A. McManaway regarding her family:

"Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.

Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died).

Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.

The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

Our Kin stated that Julia Wright was a daughter of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on February 12, 1816, and married Isaiah Compton and that they had the following child:

1) Nannie (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh.

From the evidence set forth above the following was a child of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton:

1) Matthew W. Compton, born probably between February 20, 1837 and July 1842,

2) Nannie J. A. (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh, born probably between February 20, 1837 and July 1842, and

3) Henry G. Compton probably, born probably between February 20, 1837 and July 1842.

i. Matthew W. Compton

Matthew W. Compton was a son of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Julia[4])

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright heirs

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Matthew M. Compton as a son of Julia (Wright) Compton and that he was then a minor and, therefore, born after February 26, 1823.

In August 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/319 Peter M. Wright was appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton, and Henry G. Compton, orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton:

> "Ordered that Peter M Wright be appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton and Henry G. Compton orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton deceased and thereupon he together with Wilson Meador and Joseph P. Wright his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned according to law."

This record clearly identifies Matthew W. Compton as a child of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton.

ii. <u>Nannie A. Jane (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh, Her Husbands William Jacob Jeter And Edward Brugh, And Her Descendants</u>

Nannie A. Jane (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh was a daughter of Julia (Wright Compton and Isaiah Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Julia[4])

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

> "Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright Hefts
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> Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright
>
> Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Jane Compton as a daughter of Julia (Wright) Compton and that he was then a minor.

In August 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/319 Peter M. Wright was appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton, and Henry G. Compton, orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton:

> "Ordered that Peter M Wright be appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton and Henry G. Compton orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton deceased and thereupon he together with Wilson Meador and Joseph P. Wright his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned according to law."

This record clearly identifies Nancy J. A. Compton as a child of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed N. J. Jeter in the Nancy Wright household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Nancy Wright	80	F			3,500
Wm. J. Jeter	23	M		Farmer	3,000
N. J. Jeter	20	F			
M. Wright	50	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
2,500	Virginia				
3,200	Virginia				
	Virginia	1			
3,000	Virginia				

This record indicates that Nannie A. Jane (Compton) Jeter was born in about 1840. As will be set forth below, Nannie A. Jane Compton married William Jacob Jeter and this record indicates that they were married probably in 1860 and that William Jacob Jeter was born in about 1837.

On April 27, 1868 or 1869, in T. J. Bell Collection, Virginia State Library Accession No. 21615, Nannie (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh wrote to Louisa Frances Wright:

"Spring Valley Apr 27

Very dear Cousin

I seat myself this beautiful Saturday morning to respond to your very kind and welcome leetter written March "27 which was read by me with great pleasure. I confess that Mr. Brugh had me very much puzzled about you for awhile. He told me that you had married and gone to Maryland. I could not believe it at first but he kept telling me so much about it that I almost concluded it was so. I am happy to know that it is not so for I could not give you up to go so far. Louisa Lemon staid with me a few days last week and told me you did not expect to visit us until harvest. I was very sorry to hear you had postponed your visit so long. Mr. Brugh is very busy planting corn. He will git done the first of next week. Wheat is looking finely on this side the mountain. I have been quite busy since the pretty weather sit in gardening my peas beets onions and snap beans are all growing very fast. I have cabbage and tomato plants nearly long enough to set out, also my sweet Potato bed is looking very well. Fannie I must tell you about my chickens. I have had one hundred and sixty hatched out, but I havent more than 120 now. I gave away one hen and 12 chickens, and the old hawk takes dinner occasionally. You know he is not a very agreeable visitor. Mrs Kate Burten is spending this week with us. She is very much pleased with Fincastle. I do not know how long she will stay with us. Fannie I wish you were here to go with us to church to morrow at Brick union. I havent been there since you and I were to gather. I have been to Mill Creek several times. Fannie I have formed a good many acquaintances and like them all very much, if I only had you over here I would be perfectly satisfied. Miss Kate told me to tell you she had gotten acquainted with your Beau and she is very much pleased with him. She and I were at the Store yesterday evening and he was quite lively said he was going to Bedford soon. He has brought on his new goods and nearly sold out. he sold 75 dresses in two days. I got two out of the number. Fannie I expect to be at New Hope the second sunday in May if nothing happens more than I know of. I am so anxious to see all my Relatives & friends over there. Aunt Milly seems perfectly satisfied. I am very glad she is. I spent the day with Mary Eliza last Sunday. they were all very well. Ann Eliza and her mother spent the day here last week. Antney was down to see her last week. F Brugh had to leave School on accout of his health. I fear he will go in to consumption. I will close for this time. Write soon Mr Brugh Aunt Milley and Miss Kate all join mein love to you and your Ma. Please excus a bad writing and mistakes as this is the third letter I have written to day. I remain as ever your true Cousin

Nannie"

This record indicates that Nannie (Compton) (Jeter) Brugh was living in Spring Valley in 1868 or 1869.

The will of Millie Wright dated September 18, 1882, and probated in December 1882 at Botetourt County, Virginia, W.B. O/69 listed Nannie A. J. Brugh, the wife of Edward Brugh as her niece:

> ". . . . The Residue of my Estate to go to my Niece, Nanny J A. Brugh (Present wife of Edward Brugh) and at her (the said Nannie J. A. Brughs) Death the whole of my Estate then Remaining to be equally Divided Between Pearl E. Brugh and Mary F. Brugh (Children of Edward Brugh and Nannie J. A. Brugh In fee simple to use and dispose of as may seem best to themselves - I hereby appoint My Friend Edward Brugh my Executor to Execute this my Last Will and Testament . . . ."

This record also indicates that Nannie Brugh had two children by Edward Brugh, Pearl E. Wright and Mary F. Brugh, and resided in Botetourt County on September 18, 1882.

On April 14, 1884, at Botetourt County, Virginia, W.B. O/164 Edward Brugh filed an accounting for the estate of Mildred Wright.

Our Kin stated that Nannie Compton was a daughter of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton and married first William Jacob Jeter in 1861, and that they had one child who died in infancy, that William Jacob Jeter died on August 9, 1862, at the Battle of Cedar Run, Culpepper County, Virginia, that Nannie (Compton) Jeter married second Edward Brugh and that they had the following children:

1) Pearl Brugh,
2) Mary Fannie Brugh,
3) Ernest Brugh,
4) Frank Brugh,
5) Irma Brugh,
6) Manford Brugh,
7) Nannie Brugh, and
8) Grover Brugh.

iii. Henry G. Compton

Henry G. Compton was a son of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], Julia[4])

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

> "Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright heirs
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> Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright
>
> Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Henry G. Compton as a son of Julia (Wright) Compton and that he was then a minor.

In August 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/319 Peter M. Wright was appointed guardian of Matthew M. Compton, Nancy J. A. Compton, and Henry G. Compton, orphans of Isaiah Compton and Julia Compton:

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This record identifies Henry G. Compton as a child of Julia (Wright) Compton and Isaiah Compton.

j. Alie Wright

Alie Wright was a daughter of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

Our Kin stated that Alie was born on July 18, 1818, and died in youth. Since Matthew Wright resided in Bedford County, the place of birth and death of Alie Wright was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a statement by Mrs. N. A. McManaway regarding her family:

> "Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.
>
> Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died). Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.
>
> The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

k. 1899 Wright Or Rite Holland Wright Of Bedford County, His Wives Mary Jane (Burford) Wright And Minerva Jane (Foutz) Wright, And His Descendants

1899 Wright or Rite Holland Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1841 Matthew Wright of Bedford County and Nancy (Holland) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3])

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Names of Persons Owning Property the last of February 1840	White Tythes	Blacks Over 12	Horses
May 28	Wright H Wright	1		1

Carriages &c	Stud Horses	Amount of Tax $ Cts
		.08

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right H. Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
3rd	Right H. Wright	1		1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd Riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.12½

On May 24, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Wright H. Wright filed his affidavit for payment for services rendered conveying a felon to jail:

"The commonwealth of Virginia

To Wright H. Wright	Dr.
To 2 days service acting as a guard in conveying Alexander R. Smith charged with felony from a magistrate to the Jail of Bedford County	2.08
" Travelling 19 miles going to Jail and the Same returning at 4 cts	1.52
	3.60

Bedford County to Wit

This day Wright H Wright made oath before me a Justice of the peace that the above account is correct given under my hand this 24 day May 1841.

Reaves S. Scruggs"

In June 1841 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 27/213 Wright H. Wright filed a claim against the Commonwealth for $3.60:

"Wright H. Wright produced in Court an account against the same [Commonwealth] of $3.60 the Same"

The marriage bond of Wright H. Wright and Mary Jane Burford was dated on February 24, 1842, at Amherst County, Virginia:

"To the clerk of amhers this is to Certify that I am twenty one years of age given undr my hands this 24 day of febuar 1842

Mary Jane Burford

Know all men by these presents that we Wright H Wright and William A Burford are held and firmly bound unto John Rutherford Esq Lieutenant Governor now acting as governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars current money of Virginia to be paid to the said Lieutent governor now acting as governor of the said Commonwealth, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 24th day of February 1842 the Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound the above Wright H. Wright and Mary Jane Burford of the County of Amherst, now if there is no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue.

Wright H Wright
William A Burford"

The Division and Allotment of Matthew Wright's land dated May 7, 1842, and recorded at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 11/138 listed Wright H. Wright as one of his children:

". . . . Lot No 6

We alott to Write H Wright containing 42-1/4 acres of Land laid off as follows Begining a Peter M Wright corner red oak & corner to Lot No 5 and along the lines of said Lot N 86 W 124 poles to a red oak in the line of Lot No 7 and along the line of the same N 9 W 25 poles to pointers corner to Lot No 7 & 8 thence along the lines Lot No 8 N 46-3/4 E 58 poles to James corner gum thence along his line N 38 E 36 poles to Fouts corner gum thence along his line N 43-1/2 E 84

[64?] poles Peter M Wright corner piles of rocks & along his line S 4 E 38 poles to the Begining

Value of	$352.00
To receive of Lot No 5	23.00
	$375 . . . ."

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H Wright with the following household:

Date of Receiving the Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	No. of White Tythes above 16	No. of Slaves above 12	No of horses &c
May 12	Wright H Wright	1		1

Carriages whether 4 Wheeled or 2 Wheel'd riding Carriages	Value of Carriages	Amount of Tax
		.25

On June 25, 1842, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/236 Wright H. Wright purchased 3/10 of a parcel of 127 acres of land from Joseph P. and Eliza Wright:

> "This Indenture made and entered into 25th day of June 1842, between Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the first part and Wright H. Wright of the County and State aforesaid of the second part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and ninety dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto Wright H. Wright his heirs and assigns forever three tenths of a certain tract or parcel of land, Situate and being in the County of Bedford on the waters of beaver dam creek it being the dower property belonging to the estate of Matthew Wright deceased and bounded as follows Viz; Beginning at a post oak in Peter M. Wright's line on Miller's road thence new lines S. 8 E. 20 poles - pointers S. 20 W. 87 poles to a rock on Pate's road and up said road S. 74 W. 14 poles to a small persimmon thence off S. 29 W. 90 poles to a pile of rocks in the field S. 29 E. 84 poles to pointers N. 83 E. 49 poles to a maple on Greers branch thence up the same N. 5 W. 20

poles N. 4-1/2 - 20 poles to pointers thence continuing along Peter M. Wright's line N. 24 E. 54 poles to pointers N. 40 E. 84 poles to pointers on Pate's road N. 29 E. 30 poles to a small sourwood new corner to Peter M. Wright on a hillside N. 44 W. 115 poles to the beginning the whole containing 127 acres. To have and to hold the said three tenths of the said tract or parcel of land subject however to be used and controled during the natural life of our mother Nancy Wright by her, together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto him the said Wright H. Wright his heirs and assigns forever; the said Joseph P. Wright and Eliza his wife doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c that they will forever warrant, and defend the right and title of the aforesaid three tenths of the said tract or parcel of land unto him the said Wright H. Wright his heirs, and assigns, against the claims or demands of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this the day and date first written.

Joseph P. Wright
Elizabeth A. C. Wright

Bedford County to Wit:

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph P. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the 25th day of June 1842 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the clerk of the county court of Bedford in order that the same may be recorded. Given under our hands and seals the 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

We Matthew Pate's and John Claytor Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth Ann C. Wright a party to a certain deed bearing date the 25th day of June 1842 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of June 1842.

Matthew Pate J.P.
John Claytor J.P

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of March 1843

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Joseph P. Wright & wife to Wright H. Wright was produced in court and together with the certificates of acknowledgment thereto annexed, ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell CBC"

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tythes	Blacks	Horses	No Carriages
	Wright H. Wright	1		1	

Carriages	Valuation of Do $	Tax on Do $ Cts	Watches Description	Clocks & Tax on Do $ Cts	Descrip-tion Do $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts

Piannoes	Valuation $ Cts	Tax on Do $ Cts	Aggregate Amt Tax $ Cts

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Wright H Wright		42¼	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land	
20 SW	5.50			.36	____ Wrights Est

This record reflects the allocation of 42-1/4 acres of land to Wright H. Wright from the estate of 1841 Matthew Wright.

On October 2, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/494 Wright H. Wright purchased two tracts of 58 acres and ____ acres of land from Valentine G. and Jane Camper:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this October 2nd day 1842 between Valentine G. Camper and his wife Jane of the County of Putnam and state of Indiana of the first part and Wright H. Wright of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia of the second part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and twenty five dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted, bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain sell and deliver unto him the said Wright H Wright his heirs and assigns forever two certain tracts or parcels of land situate lying and being in the County of Bedford and state of Va and on the waters of Beaverdam creek the first tract containing fifty eight acres it being described as lot number 5 by the commissioners in their report of the division of the lands of Matthew Wright deceased and bounded as follows Viz Begining at a rock in Pates road corner to the dower of the same lands and lot number 4, thence N 61 W 10 poles to a maple on a branch corner to lots N 4 and 7 thence along the line of lot No 7 N 9 W 70 poles to a red oak corner to lot No 6 thence a new line blazed S 86 E 124 poles to Peter M Wright's corner red oak newly choped S 44 E to a post oak corner to the dower and along the line of the same S 8 E 20 poles to pointers S 20 W 87 poles to the begining the other tract or parcel of land being a part of the dower allotted to Nancy Wright which dower is to be retained by her during her natural life and is described by the same commissioners in their report as above described To have and to hold the two aforesaid tracts or parcels of land together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said Wright H Wright his heirs and assigns forever the said Valentine G Camper and his wife Jane doth covenant for themselves their heirs &c that they will forever warrant and defend the right title of the first named tract and that they will forever warrant and defend the right and title to 1/10 part of the dower tract after the death of the surviving partner and relick of Matthew Wright deceased to wit, Nancy Wright unto him the said Wright H. Wright his heirs and assigns forever against the claims or demands of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof we the parties hereunto set our hands and affix our seals this the day and date above written
>
> Signed Sealed & deli- vered in the presence of — Valentine G Camper, Jane Camper

Bedford County to Wit:

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Valentine G Camper party to a certain deed bearing date the 2nd day of October 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify said acknowledgement to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford in order to be recorded Given under our hands and seals this 4th day of October 1843

Jno Claytor J.P.
William Mead J.P.

Bedford County to Wit

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Jane Camper party to a certain deed bearing date the 2nd day of October 1843 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having said deed fully explained to her, acknowledged that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same and wished not to retract it Given under our hands and seals this ___ day of October 183

Jno Claytor J.P.
William Mead JP

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25 day of December 1843

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Valentine G Camper and wife to Wright H Wright was produced in Court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro S Mitchell CBC"

On February 26, 1844, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers the heirs of Matthew Wright filed a suit for the sale of four slaves:

"Suit to Sell the slaves of the Est of Matthew Wright deceased - four slaves - Andy Charlotte John William Valentine G. Camper and Jane his wife Indiana - Peter M. Wright Wilson Meador & Polly his wife, Joseph P Wright, John Wright defts

Milly Wright, Francis Johnson and Nancy his wife, John Compton & Lydia his wife Nancy Jane Compton Matthew M Compton and Henry G Compton infant children of Isaiah & Julia Compton formerly Julia Wright - Wright H Wright

Peter M Wright to be appointed Commissioner to Sell - upon a credit of 12 months"

This record identifies Wright H. Wright as a son of 1841 Matthew Wright.

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
Mch 6	Wright H. Wright	1		2	

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

Total amount of Tax	
Dollars	Cents
	.75

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contiguous Tracts
Wright H Wright	Bedford	fee	42¼	On the Same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum _____ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	_____	Explanations of alterations during the preceding especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.30	
" "	5.50		319.00	.39	from Camper & wife

This record reflects the purchase of 58 acres of land by Bedford County Deed 30/494.

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1	1	1	4

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.72

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses,
Wright H Wright	Bedford	fee	42¼	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

On August 30, 1845, at Amherst County, Virginia, D.B. Z/479 James Wright and Eliza A. Wright sold all of their interests in the estates of William Burford, John L. Burford, and Sarah Burford to Right Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 30th day of August 1845, between James Wright and Eliza A. Wright of the one part and Right Wright of the other part all of the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, Witnesseth, that for and in Consideration of the Sum of one hundred dollars in hand paid by the Said Right Wright, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright and for the further consideration of one dollar the payment of which is also acknowledged by the Said James Wright and Eliza Wright who have bargained and Sold and by these presents do bargain and Sell and Confirm unto the Said Right Wright his heirs executors administrators and assigns all the interest which the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright has or is or may be entitled to both real and personal, that is to Say all the interest they the said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright has or is or may be entitled to in the Several Estates of William Burford decd John L. Burford decd and Sarah Burford of the County of Amherst - To Have and to Hold all the interest aforesaid in the Several estates of William Burford decd, John L. Burford decd Sarah Burford both real and personal as aforesaid - The Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright for themselves and their heirs do covenant and agree to and with the Said Right Wright to forever warrant and defend all the Said interest which they are or may be entitled to in the Several estates aforesaid against the Claim or Claims of themselves and their heirs and all persons whatsoever Claiming under them - In witness whereof the Said James Wright and Eliza A. Wright Parties to the above Indenture have hereunto Set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written -

James Wright
Eliza A. Wright

Bedford County to wit:

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that James Wright a Party to the within deed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1845, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the Same to be his act and deed and desired us to Certify Said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Amherst in order that the Said deed may be recorded - Given under our hands and Seals this 1st day of September 1845.

Jno Claytor JP
William Mead JP

Bedford County to wit:

We John Claytor and William Mead Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that Eliza A. Wright the wife of James Wright parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 30th day of August 1845, and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined privily and apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her She the Said Eliza A. Wright acknowledged the Same to be her act and deed and declared that She had willingly Signed, Sealed, and delivered the Same and that She wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and Seals this 1st day of September 1845.

Jno. Claytor J.P
William Mead J.P

In the Clerks Office of Amherst County Court on the 30th day of December 1845. This Deed was received together with the Certificates annexed of the acknowledgment thereof of James Wright and of the privy examination and acknowledgment thereof of Eliza A. Wright parties thereto before two Justices of the Peace for Bedford County and admitted to record -

Teste
Sam M Garland Ck"

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1			2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

.20

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright H. Wright	Bedford	fee	42¼	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1			3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.30

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright H. Wright	Bedford	fee	42¼	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1			3

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches
$70					

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents

1.35

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright H. Wright	Bedford	fee	42¼	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 SW	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1			2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches
$50					

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
	.95	

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright H. Wright	Bedford	fee	42½	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Wright H. Wright	1				

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches
2	$50				

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax

Physi-cians and paying spe-cific tax, and a.pimt of tax	Am't of interest or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporation bonds	Amount of monied yearly income over received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount of tax Dollars	Cents
		.95

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright H. Wright	Bedford	fee	42½	Same [Beaverdam Cr]
do	"	"	58	On the same

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of altera-tions during the preced-ing year, especially from whom transferred
20 W	5.50		232.00	.24	
" "	5.50		319.00	.32	

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed one Right Right with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Right Right	30	M		Farmer	$2,000
Jane Right	30	F			
Sally P. Right	7	F			
John M. Right	5	M			
William Right	4	M			
Osca A. Right	2	M			
Sarah A. Right	6/12	F			
Nancy Right	60	F			
Mildred Right	36	F			
Matthew M. Crampton	12	M			
Nancy J. Crampton					

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record places the dates of birth of Wright H. Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright in about 1820.

On February 28, 1851, by Bedford County, Virginia, Deed 35/311 Rite H. Wright purchased 12 acres of land from Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth A. C. Wright:

> "This deed made the 28" day of Feby in the year 1851 between Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A C his wife & Rite H Wright Witnesseth that in consideration of one hundred & seventeen dollars the said Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A C his wife doth grant with general warranty unto the said Rite H Wright all that part of a tract of land, lying & being in Bedford County on the South fork of Beverdam Creek adjacent to the said Rite H Wright. Isah Compton's heirs &c containing twelve acres be the same more or less & bounded as follows, commencing at the ford on said Creek of Pates road & runing with said road E as it meanders to Rite H Wright line & thence N.W. with said line to Compton's heirs heirs lines thence with said line S to Beverdam Creek thence down it to the begining, with the privilege of a spring near a tobacco house South of Pate's road & the said Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A. C. his wife covenants that they are lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premises, that they have the right to convey the same to the said Rite H Wright & that the said Rite H Wright shall have quite possession of the said tract or parcel of land free from all incumbrances whatsoever - Witness our hands & seals the day & year first above written
>
> Signd. seald. & acklgd. in presence of) — Joseph P Wright, Elizabeth A C Wright

Bedford County to Wit.

I John Claytor a Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Joseph P Wright party to a certain deed bearing date the 28" day of February 1851 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be his act & deed & desired me to certify the same to the clerk of the county court of Bedford in order to be recorded - Given under my hand & seal this 28 day of February 1851

Jno. Claytor J.P.

Bedford County to Wit.

We Matthew Pate and John Claytor Justices of the peace in & for the county aforesaid do hereby certify that Elizabeth A C Wright wife of Joseph P Wright and party to to a certain deed bearing date 28 day of February 1851 and hereunto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and after being examined by us privily and apart from her husband acknowledged the same to be her act & deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same & wished not to retract it. Given under our hands & seals this 28" day of February 1851

Matthew Pate J.P.
Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a court held for Bedford County May 26" 1851

This writing from Joseph P Wright & Elizabeth A. C. Wright his wife to Rite H Wright conveying real estate produced in court and together with the certificates thereto annexed ordered to be recorded

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe CB.C."

On April 24, 1852, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 35/561 Wright H. Wright purchased the 1/10th interest of Nancy Johnson in the dower land of the estate of Matthew Wright:

"This Indenture made and entered into the 24" day of April 1852, between Nancy Johnson of the County of Bedford, State of Virginia of the first part, and Wright H. Wright of the County and State aforeaid of the second part. Witnesseth, that I Nancy Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars to me in hand paid, have granted bargained, sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Wright H. Wright the whole of my

interest in the dower land of Nancy Wright relict of Matthew Wright deceased, the said interest being one undivided tenth of said dower land, which said land lying and being situate on the waters of Beaverdam creek in the County of Bedford State of Virginia, and bounded by the land of Nancy Johnson, Joseph P. Wright, Wright H. Wright and Peter M. Wright, with all the appurtenances, and all the right title interest, claim and demand of me in the premises. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances unto the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs in fee simple forever. And I the said Nancy Johnson for myself and heirs do hereby covenant with the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs and assigns, that I am now the owner of said interest and am seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein and that I have full right to sell and convey the same and that the said interest is free from all incumbrance and that I the said Nancy Johnson and my heirs will warrant and defend the said interest unto the said Wright H. Wright and his heirs forever. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day & date above written.

Nancy Johnson

Bedford County to Wit

I John Claytor a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, do certify that Nancy Johnson whose name is signed to the writing within, hereunto annexed, bearing date the 24" day of April 1852 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 24" day of April 1852.

Jno. Claytor J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of August 1852.

This deed from Nancy Johnson to Wright H. Wright, was produced in Court and together with the certificate thereto annexed ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. A. Arthur Clk."

The birth record of _____ Wright was dated on May 25, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	_____ Wright
Date of Birth:	May 25, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive

Father's Name: Wright H. Wright
Mother's Name: Mary Jane Wright"

On May 31, 1856, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 38/367 Wright H. Wright bought one-half of Lot No. 1 in the division of Matthew Wright's estate from Nancy Johnson:

"This Indenture made this 31st day of may one thousand eight hundred & fifty six Between Nancy Johnson of the first & Wright H. Wright of the second part both of the county of Bedford and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that said Nancy Johnson for and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred & Ten dollars. Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained & sold unto the said Wright H Wright a certain Lot or parcel of land it being and lying in the County aforesaid & adjoining the lands of Peter M Wright and being on Beaverdam Creek it being one half of lot No 1 in the land estate of Mathew Wright decd and bounded as follows. Beginning at pointers in the dower thence along the line lot No 2 N 48 W 33 poles to pointers on Beaverdam creek Viz Maple & persimon. Thence a new line S 76 E crossing Beaverdam Creek 1/2 pole thence crossing Graers branch at 80 poles in all 84.32 poles to pointers a pine & persimmon bushes Thence up the branch with P. M. Wright line N 1 E 34 pole N 37 W 12 poles thince N 5 W 6 poles to the dower lot thence off from the branch & along the dower N 83 W 49 poles to the beginning. And containing 15-1/2 Acres and the said Nancy Johnson doth hereby convey warrent & declare the right & title of the said land to the said Wright H Wright to be free from the claims of herself heirs or others forever.

Witness the following signature and seal

Witness Nancy Johnson

Bedford County to Wit

This day Nancy Johnson personally appeared before me Robert Johnson a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Bedford and acknowledged the within deed to be her deed and act. Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1856

Robert Johnson J.P.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of June 1856

This deed from Nancy Johnson to Wright H Wright conveying real estate was produced in court and together with the certificate thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste A A Arthur CBC"

On June 14, 1859, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 40/430 Rite H. Wright and James Carner purchased 48-1/2 acres of land from Alexander R. and Celia E. Smith:

"This Deed made the 14 day of June in the year AD 1859 Between Alexander R. Smith and Celia E. his wife of the first part and Rite H. Wright & James Carner of the second part. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Eleven hundred & fifty Dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Alexander R Smith & Celia E his wife doth grant unto the said Rite H Wright & James Carner their heirs and assigns with general warranty a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Bedford and the same land that the said Smith now resides upon near Cross roads it being lot No 2 in the division of the Lands of Matthew Pate decd containing Forty Eight & one half acres more or less. Beginning at a stake in the Fork of road from Peatown thence along road leading to the River S 43-3/4 W 30 poles to pointers on the Ridge thence off a new line S. 71 E 50 poles to pointers June & chestnut S 50-1/4 E 42 poles to pointers 2 Red Oaks & 1 white Oak on the ridge Road S 78-3/4 E 55-7/10 poles to a stake corner to lot No 1 thence with the line of lot No 1 N 6 E Cross 2 branches 83 poles to the Pea town road oposite a small pine bush thence along road as it meanders N 82-1/2 W 33 S 71 W 41 poles N 86 W 32 poles S 73-1/4 W 17-7/10 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the aforesaid lott or parcel of land unto them the said Rite H Wright and James Carner their heirs or assigns forever as witness Our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signd seald & acknd) Alex R Smith
In presents of) Celia E Smith

Bedford County to wit

I James M Matthew a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify that A. R. Smith whose name is signed to the writing hereto annexed bearing date on the 14th day of June 1859 = has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 14th day of June 1859

J M Matthews J.P.

State of Virginia)
Bedford County to wit)

We Peter M. Wright & James M. Matthew Justices of the peace for the County of Bedford do certify that Celia E. Smith the wife of A R Smith whose names are signed to the writing hereto annexed, bearing date on the 14th day of June 1859 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined before us privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said Celia E. Smith acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it = Given under our hands this 14th day of June 1859

Peter M. Wright
J M Matthews

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office June 21st 1859

This Deed from Alexander R. Smith & Celia E his wife to Rite H. Wright & James Carner conveying real Estate was produced in said Office & together with the certificates thereto annexed admitted to record

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Wright H. Wright	39	M		Farmer	5,500
N. S. Wright	38	F			
J. M. Wright	14	M			
Wm. M. Wright	13	M			
S. A. Wright	10	F			
Jas. S. Wright	25	M		Farmer	600
N. P. A. Wright	17	F			
Infant Wright	1/12	M			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
1,200	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
	Virginia		1		
300	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

This record also places Wright H. Wright's date of birth in about 1820.

On June 15, 1861, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 41/541 Wright H. Wright purchased 3 lots of land from Joseph P. Wright and Elizabeth A. Wright:

> "This deed made 15th day of June 1861 between Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A Wright his wife of the first part & Wright H Wright of the second part Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Two thousand Dollars the said Joseph P Wright hath sold unto the said Wright H Wright Three certain lots of land hereinafter named to Wit: No 2 as laid down in the division of Matthew Wrights lands and allotted to Joseph P Wright, bounded as follows commencing at pointers in the dower line thence along the line of lot No 3. S 84 W 105 po. to Pates corner red oak near a fork of a branch thence along his line S 15-3/4 W 63 po. to a persimmon S 79 E 8-3/4 po to a pine N 76 E 69 poles to pointers S 62 E 29 po. to a white oak on Beaver dam Creek, thence along the line of lot No 1. N 48 E 52 po. to pointers corner to the dower and along the line of the dower N 29 W 36 po to the beginning containing 45 acres, No 3 in same division allotted to John A Wright, Beginning at pointers in the dower line and corner to lot No 2 thence along the line of said lot S 84 W 105 po; to Pates corner red oak near the fork of a branch thence along his line N 20-3/4 E 51 po. to James corner white oak thence along his line N 14 E 45 po to pointers corner to lot No 4 and along the line of the same S 85 E 70 po to a pile of rocks & stake in the dower line and along the line of the Same S 29 W 32 po to a pile of rocks S 29 E 51 po to the beginning containing 40 acres. Lot No 4 in same division allotted to Peter M Wright beginning at a stake & pile of rock in the dower line corner to lot No 3 thence along the lines of said lot N 85 W 70 po. to pointers in James' line and along his line N 14 E 34 po to his corner stake, the same course continued in all 94 pos to a maple on a branch corner to lot No 5 & 7 along the line of lot No 5 S 61 E 102 po to a rock on Pates road and corner to the dower along the lines of the dower S 74 W 14 po to a small persimmon bush S 29 W 58 po to the beginning containing 42-1/4 acres, the said Joseph P Wright having by a former deed conveyed a portion of lot No 4 to the said W H Wright, this deed is not

intended to cover the portion already conveyed but merely to give the courses and distances of the same the aforesaid lots of land are to be the same more or less the said Joseph P Wright and Elizabeth A his wife doth hearby convey the aforesaid several lots of land to the said Wright H Wright with general warranty Witness the following signatures and seals day & date above written

Joseph P Wright
Elizabeth A C Wright

State of Virginia County of Bedford Viz.

I Elias James a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the state of Virginia do certify that Joseph P Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15th day of June 1861, hath acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this the 15th day of June 1861

Elias James NP

State of Virginia Bedford County to wit

I Elias James a Notary public for the county of Bedford in the state of Virginia do certify that Elizabeth A C Wright the wife of Joseph P Wright whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 15th day of June 1861 personally appeared before me, in the County aforesaid and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she, the said Elizabeth C. A Wright acknowledged the said Writing to be her act, and declared that She had Willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under my hands this 15th day of June 1861

Elias James NP

At a Court of Quarterly sessions held for Bedford County at the Courthouse the 22nd day of July 1861

This deed from Joseph P Wright and wife to Wright H Wright conveying real estate, was produced in court together with the certificates thereto annexed and ordered to be recorded

Teste
A A Arthur CBC"

The marriage license of Wright H. Wright and Manerva J. Foutz was dated January 19, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia - County of Bedford to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Wright H Wright and Manerva Jane Foutz

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this 20th day of November 1863.

A A Arthur Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License,

Time of Marriage, 19th day of January 1864
Place of Marriage, Bedford County Virginia
Full Names of Parties Married, Wright H Wright & Manerva J Foutz
Age of Husband, 45 years
Age of Wife, 22 years
Condition of Husband (widowed),
Condition of Wife (single),
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Virginia
Names of Husband's Parents, Matthew and Nancy Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Abram and Mary Foutz
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1863

A A Arthur Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I certify, that on the 19th day of Janury 1864 at the brides Residence in bedford Co I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

C R Campbell"

The death record of William M. Wright, son of Wm. H. & Jane Wright, was dated in June 1864 at Louisa Court House and recorded in Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: William M. Wright
Date of Death: June 1864
Place of Death: Louisa Ct. House
Cause of Death: Killed
Age: 19
Names of Parents: Wm. H. & Jane Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Occupation: Soldier
Status: Unmarried
Name of Informant: S. D. Peterson
Designation of Informant: Friend"

However, as will be set forth below, this was a false report of his death and he survived the battle of Louisa Court House.

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated in June 1866 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	June 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford
Father's Name:	Wm H Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Minerva J. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Relation of Informant:	Father"

On September 1, 1867, Wright H. Wright and Samuel D. Patterson entered into a contract for the sale of Wright's land, a copy of which is in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 1201:

> "A Memorandum of an agreement made & entered into between Samuel D. Patterson & Wright H Wright both of the County of Bedford & State of Virginia, Witnesseth that whereas Wright H. Wright has sold to Samuel D. Patterson certain Lands on Beaver dam Creek in said County & in order to pay Wright. H Wright on a cash payment of Three Thousand dollars Samuel D. Patterson sells the said Wright his two large stills and fixtures the Price of the said Wright & Patterson cannot agree is to be left to one or more Coffin Smith and the said Wright binds himself to access the full amout of stills as a cash credit and binds himself to allow the full amot of stills as a cash credit and binds himself to recipt to said Pattison on his cash payment for the amount allowed or agreed upon and we the said Pattison & Wright do both consent and agree to stand to & comply with the above agreement and as further testimony thereof we both hereunto set and sign our hands and seals in the presence of Capt J D. Meador
>
> Signed & Sealed) Samuel D. Patteson
> this the 1st day of) W. H. Wright"
> September 1867)

On January 13, 1868, in Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Albon A. Arthur, as executor of the estate of William A. Creasy, obtained a judgment against Wright H. Wright, Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, and J. D. Meador for $815.26:

> "In the County Court of the County of Bedford, May Term 1867.
>
> Albon A. Arthur Executor of William A. Creasey — Plaintiffs
> against
> Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, J. D. Meador
> and Wright H. Wright — Defendants
>
> Judgment obtained by the Plaintiff against the Defendant for the sum of $815.26) to be discharged by payment of 407 dollars and 63 cents, with interest thereon, to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 10th day of April 1867 until paid, and $3.78 costs.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office

Entered on the judgement Lien docket, in said Office, the 13" day of January 1868 Teste,

Ro. S. Quarles CBC"

On or about January 20, 1869, Wright H. Wright filed a complaint in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 1201, to enforce the agreement against Samuel D. Patterson for the sale of the land:

"To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, sitting as Chancellor:

Humbly complaing sheweth unto your Honor your Orator Wright H. Wright, that Matthew Wright died many years ago, in latter part of the year 1841 or commencement of the year 1842, intestate, his wife Nancy Wright survived him and the following children his only heirs at law, to wit, Nancy Johnson, Joseph P Wright, John A Wright, Peter M Wright, Jane Camper (wife of Valentine G Camper), Julia Compton, Lydia Compton (wife of John Compton) and your Orator (10 in all): Julia Compton afterwards died intestate, leaving three children, towit, two sons and a daughter Nancy Jane: the two sons died each intestate, unmarried and without issue, leaving the said Nancy Jane as the only heir of her mother and as such entitled to her mother's interest in the estate of said Matthew Wright decd: the said Nancy Jane intermarried first with _____ Jeter, upon whose death she afterwards intermarried with Edward Brugh: the said Matthew Wright died seized of two tracts of land; the one containing about 550 acres situate in the said County of Bedford and the other containing about 268 acres lying in the County of Franklin in this State: after the death of said Matthew and by consent of all the parties in interest, William Johnson, Edmund McGeorge and George Overstreet, as Commissioners selected by the parties and appointed by the County Court of Bedford, on the 7th day of May 1842, allotted or rather assigned to the said Nancy Wright her dower as widow of said Matthew in the lands aforesaid and divided and allotted the residue of said lands amongst the said heirs of Matthew Wright: the said Commissioners made report of said assignment of dower, and division and allotment, together with a plat and diagram of the same, designating and describing by proper metes and bounds the said dower & the several lots allotted to the parties respectively, to the County Court aforesaid, which on the 22nd day of August, 1842, was admitted to record in said Court: A copy of said Report, with plats and Diagrams annexed as a part thereof, is herewith filed as a part of this bill, Marked "A": Upon said division and allotment, the parties took possession of their respective lots as designated in said Report, and they and those claiming under them have held possession of the same, having and claiming title, thence to this day: the said

Nancy Wright has since died and the estate held by her as dower as aforesaid, has reverted to those entitled: An inspection of said report and plat will shew that the dower lot contains 126 acres, Lot No. 1 to Nancy Johnson 31 acres, Lot No. 2 to Joseph P Wright 45 acres, Lot No. 3 to John A Wright 40 acres, Lot No. 4 to Peter M Wright 42- 1/4 acres, Lot No. 5 to Jane Camper 58 acres and lot No. 6 to your Orator 42-1/4 acres, all contiguous and parcels of the tract lying in said County of Bedford: the said Nancy Johnson sold and by deed of 31 May 1856 conveyed to your Orator 15-1/2 acres - one half her lot No. 1: the said John A Wright and Peter M Wright sold and by deed of 3rd of February 1842, conveyed all their interest in the real estate of said Matthew Wright (before the allotment and division aforesaid) to the said Joseph P Wright and the said Joseph P Wright afterwards sold and by deed of 15th June, 1861, conveyed to your Orator his own lot aforesaid (No. 2) and the two lots acquired as aforesaid from the said John A & Peter M & designated respectively as Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 4 - the said three lots combined, as shewn by the deed last aforesaid and by said plat and diagram, containing 127-1/4 acres: the said Valentine G Camper and Jane his wife sold and by deed of 2d October, 1843, conveyed to your Orator the lot aforesaid of said Jane No. 5 containing 58 acres and also the undivided interest of said Jane in said Dower land, it being 1/10th of the same: the said Joseph P Wright also sold and by deed of 28th February 1851, conveyed to your Orator 12 acres of land, contiguous to the lots aforesaid; and on the 14th day of June, 1859, one Alexander R Smith and wife by deed of that date conveyed to your Orator and one James Carner jointly a lot in parcel of land situate in said County of Bedford, near "Cross Roads", containing 48-1/2 acres, your Orator's undivided moiety being 24-1/4 acres: the several deeds aforesaid were duly admitted to record in the Clerk's Office of the County Court aforesaid, and authenticated copies thereof are herewith filed as parts of this bill, marked respectively in the order in which they have hereinbefore been referred to as "1"; "2", "3", "4", "5", "6": Your Orator being entitled as aforesaid to Lot No 6, by virtue of purchase and the deeds aforesaid, became the owner in fee-simple vested in possession of 279-1/4 acres, the whole of which (with the exception of the undivided moiety in the parcel of 48-1/2 acres conveyed as aforesaid to your Orator and James Carner) although compised of the several parcels aforesaid, lies in one body, forming one entire tract, which is adjacent to the dower lot aforesaid.

Your Orator also purchased from the said Nancy Johnson her interest, one undivided tenth, in the said dower land, which she conveyed to your Orator by deed dated 24" of April 1852: he also purchased from the said Joseph P Wright the said Jos. P.'s interest & the two interests of Peter M Wright and John A Wright theretofore conveyed to the said Joseph P, in all 3/10" in said dower land owned by said Joseph P., which the said Joseph by deed of 25" June, 1842, conveyed to your Orator: copies of these two last mentioned deeds, (which has been duly recorded in the Clerk's office aforesaid) marked respectively "7", "8",

are herewith exhibited as parts of this bill. Your Orator had purchased & the said Valentine G Camper & Jane his wife by deed of 2d October 1843, conveyed to your Orator her undivided interest - one tenth - in said dower land - (See Exhibit "4") thus, your Orator being the owner of 1/10" interest in his own right as one of the ten heirs of Matthew Wright, by virtue of the purchases and deeds aforesaid became the owner of 6/10ths or 3/5ths of said dower land of 126 acres, which upon partition would be 75- 3/5" acres, and this added to the 279-1/4 acres aforesaid, would make the quantity of land owned by your Orator 354- 17/20ths acres.

This being all the land owned by your Orator he made sale of it in the year 1866 to one Samuel D Patterson, the contract of sale not being at first reduced to writing, but it was afterwards put in writing and dated the 1st day of September, 1866, and executed as well by the said Samuel D Patterson as by your Orator. The said written contract was placed in the hands of Samuel G Stewart Esq., who still holds it, and who has furnished to your Orator a copy, which is herewith exhibited as a part of this bill marked "B": the original your Orator prays, the said Stewart may be required to produce, if necessary, that the same may be filed amongst the papers in this cause. By an inspection of said contract your Honor will see that by the terms thereof, your Orator sold to the said Patterson "all of his lands" except a graveyard reserved enumerating them, (which your Orator charges are the same hereinbefore mentioned and described) at the price of $25.00 "per acre" in "such currency as may be current at the time payment is made, the payments to be as follows, $3000 - on the 25th day of December 1866, "one half of the remainder on the 25th day of Dec. 1867", and "the remainder on the 25th day of Dec. 1868" the said Patterson was to have full possession "as soon as the whole of the first payment" ($3000) was made, with some restrictions imposed upon him as to cutting and using timber upon said lands, and your Orator bound himself "to make to the said Patterson or order a good warranty deed to the whole of said land so soon as the whole of the purchase money should be paid."

Soon after the said Patterson had contracted to purchase from your Orator the lands aforesaid, the said Patterson purchased all the outstanding shares in the dower land aforesaid (which were not owned by your Orator and therefore had not been sold by your Orator to said Patterson). These outstanding shares belonged to Mary Meador (wife of Wilson Meador, Lydia Compton (wife of John Compton), Milly Wright, and Nancy Jane Brugh (wife of Edward Brugh), each being entitled to one undivided tenth part and all together four tenths: and the said Patterson having thus purchased the whole of the said dower land and the other lots & interests herein before enumerated, notwithstanding his failure to comply with his contract aforesaid to pay to your Orator the sum of $3000 on the 25th day of December, 1866, your Orator relying upon the promises of said Patterson to make such payment at an early day & hoping that he would do so,

suffered him to take full and complete possession of the lands so sold him by your Orator as aforesaid, and the said Patterson has had and held such possession (including said dower lot) thence to this day and still holds the same. Your Orator charges, that he has in all things complied with his said contract and has in fact permitted said Patterson to take and hold possession of said lands, when the said Patterson had not so far complied on his part as to be entitled to said possession: that the said Patterson has paid but a small part of the purchase money owing for the lands so sold by your Orator to him: he has paid some small sums at different times, for which your Orator gave him receipts, the precise amounts of which your Orator does not remember but which will appear by the receipts in said Patterson's possession, amounting all together, as he believes, to less than $1000-: and the whole of the residue of said purchase money with the interest accrued is due from said Patterson to your Orator & is unpaid, and the said Patterson, although repeatedly and importunately urged thereto, has hitherto failed & refused to pay the same and still fails and refuses so to do.

At the time of the sale of said lands by your Orator to the said Patterson, the quantity of the lands was estimated at 355-7/20 acres, which at $25. per acre, the price of which it was sold to said Patterson, made the purchase money $8883:75c in the aggregate. The said Patterson accordingly "gave his bond to your orator for $3000- payable on the 25th day of December, 1866, & his two several bonds for equal parts of the residue, towit, each for the sum of $2941.87-1/2c payable respectively on the 25th day of December 1867, and 25th day of December 1868. The three said several bonds are herewith filed as parts of this bill marked respectively "C", "D", "E".

This estimated quantity (355-7/20 acres) was taken from the known quantity (126 acres) of the dower lot and the lots charged to your Orator on the land rolls in the Clerk's office of Bedford County: but upon examining said land roll and comparing the entries there with your Orator's deeds hereinbefore referred to & copies of which are exhibited with this bill & with the report aforesaid of Commissioners who made the division and allotment aforesaid of Matthew Wright's lands, a copy of which report is also filed with this bill), your Orator finds that said Patterson was charged with 1/2 acre too much in making the said estimate of the quantity of said lands. The mistake is attributable to the Commissioner of Revenue, who in making transfers of two lots, entered them on his books as 42-1/2 acres each, instead of 42-1/4 acres each, as they should have been entered and as the report of aforesaid shews. Your Orator is willing that this error shall be corrected and that the said Patterson's two bonds aforesaid of $2941:87-1/4c each shall be severally abated by the contract price of one quarter of an acre, to wit, each by the sum of $6:25c as of this date.

To exhibit your Orator's title, as shewn by the title papers hereinbefore referred to & filed with this bill, and to facilitate the examination of the same, your Orator files herewith as a part of his bill, a statement marked "F", which will also shew the quantity of land sold by him to said Patterson & the amount of purchase money contracted to be paid therefor.

Your Orator charges, that by virtue of his contract aforesaid with the said Samuel D Patterson & by the rules of Equity, he has a specific lien upon the lands so sold as aforesaid to the said Patterson for the purchase money therefor remaining unpaid with the interest accrued & accruing thereon: that the said Patterson, as he has been informed believes and charges, owns little or no property and is in fact insolvent: and, your Orator is advised that his only remedy which could prove even partially available, is in a Court of Equity to have his said contract specifically performed and his lien aforesaid enforced by sale of said lands: And your Orator is further advised, that inasmuch as a question may arise whether in making such sale, the dower land aforesaid should be sold out and out as an entirety or whether the individual shares (6/10ths) should be sold as they were sold by your Orator to said Patterson, the said Wilson Meador and Mary his wife, John Compton and Lydia his wife, Milly Wright, and Edward Brugh and Nancy Jane his wife, should be made parties defendants to this suit. To the end therefore for relief, your Orator prays, that the said Samuel D Patterson, Wilson Meador and Mary his wife, John Compton and Lydia his wife, Milly Wright, and Edward Brugh and Nancy Jane his wife, be by proper process made parties defendants to this bill and required severally on their oaths full, true and perfect answers to make to the same and all and singular the charges, allegations and statements herein contained as fully and particularly as if the same were here reported and they thereto severally and specially interrogated: And, the premises considered, may it please your Honor by proper decree to execute the contract aforesaid between your Orator and the said Samuel D Patterson and enforce the specific lien aforesaid of your Orator upon the lands aforesaid sold by him to said Patterson by ordering a sale of said lands & applying the nett proceeds thereof towards the satisfaction & discharge of the purchase money for said lands owing by said Patterson to your Orator & the interest thereon, and for any deficiency remaining unpaid after the application of said proceeds, decree personally against said Patterson in behalf of your Orator: Your Orator hereby offering to execute to said Patterson on full payment of said & balance of purchase money now unpaid & interest, as to the purchase or purchases at the sale under decree in this cause, a deed with general warranty assuring a good title to the lands aforesaid: order all proper accounts: Grant to your Orator the Commonwealth Writ of Summons &c commanmding &c and all such other and further aid and relief as Equity and good conscience may dictate and the nature of his case require, and, as in duty bound, he will ever pray &c.

E. C. Burks p.q."

On May 3, 1869, in File 1201 Samuel D. Patterson filed his answer to the complaint, essentially admitting the allegations:

> "The Separate Answer of Samuel D Patterson to A Bill of Complaint exhibited against him and others in the Circuit Court of Bedford County by Wright H. Wright.
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> This Respondent saving and reserving to himself the benefit of all proper exception to said bill for answer thereunto or unto such parts thereof as he is advised it is material for him to make answer unto answers and says, That it is true as alleged in said bill that he made a contract with the complainant for the purchase of the Land in the bill mentioned as having been contracted by the complainant to be sold to this respondent, and that he agreed to pay therefor the sum of $8883.75 said sum to be divided into three instalments the first in the sum of $3000.00 payable 23" dec 1866 the second in the sum of $2941.87-1/2 payable on the 23" day of December 1867, and the third in the sum of $2941.87-1/2 payable on the 25" day of Dec. 1868 for which said installments this respondent executed his three several bonds to fall due at the dates aforesaid respectively, The first installment of $3000 was under the contract of purchase however intended to be a cash payment of which said installment your respondent did pay to the complainant as shewn by the statement filed with this answer marked "XY" the sum of $1646.32c which latter sum ought to be credited on the $3000- bond as of the 23d Dec. 1866, which if done will leave a balance due on that bond as of the last mentioned date the sum of $1653.68c. He admits that nothing has been paid on the other two bonds & that they are still owing & unpaid. He further says that the complainant has no lien on that portion of the Dower Land purchased from other parties by respondent and that therefore the said portion is not subject to the complainants debt in this suit: He further says that it was agreed between the complainant and him at the time of the making of said contract that if this respondent should fail to make payment any portion of the purchase money for the land that the payments made should go towards paying for the 75- 3/5 acres contained in that portion of the Dower tract bought from the Complainant amounting to the sum of $1890.00c. And this respondent now claiming the benefit of said agreement (he having paid nearly as much as the Dower Land amounts to) says that the residue of the Land is sufficient to pay the balance of purchase money now due, and that therefore the said Dower Land ought not to be subjected to sale by a Decree in this cause as such a sale would deprive him of all benefit of his contract, and perhaps subject

him to a loss of the greater portion of the money already paid and having fully answered he prays to be hence dismissed with his costs &c.

In Bedford Circuit Court May 3rd 1869

Sworn to by Deft. Samuel D Patterson
Teste
R. D. Buford D. Clk"

On May 4, 1869, in File 1201 the court ordered Wright H. Wright and his wife Minerva to convey the real estate in dispute to Samuel D. Patterson and for the commissioners to then sell the real estate to satisfy the debt:

"Wright)
Patterson &c) Note for decree

On the motion of the defendant Samuel D Patterson by counsel and upon condition that the trial of this cause is not to be delayed thereby, liberty is granted him to file his Answer to the Complainant's bill, and he filed the same, and the complainant replies generally thereto. And thereupon this cause which appears to have been regularly proceeded in and matured for hearing at the rules as to all of the defendants come on this day to be heard upon the bill of the complainant, the answer of the said Samuel D Patterson to said bill, the complainant's replication to said answer, exhibits, orders and proceedings at rules and was argued by counsel: Upon consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the Complainant Wright H Wright execute a deed with covenants for quiet enjoyment, good title & of general warranty & ____ his wife to unite therein so as to carry her interest in the real estate in the bill mentioned shewn & described by exhibit "F" filed with the bill, conveying to the defendant Samuel D Patterson the said real estate in fee simple, and that he file said deed amongst the papers in this cause (when approved by one of the commissioners of this Court as sufficient) duly acknowledged with certificates of acknowledgment of the grantors and the privy examinations of the wife of said Wright H Wright annexed & in every respect ready for recordation; and, upon the payment by the said Samuel D Patterson or by some one for him to the complainant of the balance of the purchase money owing to the complainant for the real estate aforesaid in the bill mentioned, admitted by the said Samuel D Patterson in his answer & thereby exhibit "XY" filed with his answer to be $7293.18c with legal interest in $1421.93c paid thereof from the 1" day of October 1867, in $2935.62-1/2c another parcel thereof from the 25th day of December 1867, and $2930:62-1/2 the residue thereof from the 25th day of December 1868, till payment, the said Samuel D Patterson has the liberty to withdraw from the papers in this cause the said deed, leaving an attested copy thereof; and, if the said Samuel D Patterson or some one for him do not make

such payment within four months from the filing of said deed, that the said real estate or so much as may be necessary be sold to satisfy the balance of purchase money interest aforesaid, and that E. C Burks and James O Hensley (who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose either one or both of whom may act) make such sale by public auction to the highest bidder for so much cash as will be necessary to defray the expenses of sale & pay the costs of this suit, and further residue of the purchase money upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months for equal instalments thereof, carrying interest from the day of sale, taking from the purchaser or purchasers bonds with good personal security for the deferred instalments bearing interest as aforesaid, and retaining the title to said real estate so sold as a further security for the payment of the purchase money until the whole shall be paid, the said real estate so sold to be subject to re- sale at the risk of the purchaser for default in such payment in whole or in part, and the said commissioners may sell the said real estate in parcels, if by them deemed most advantageous & such sale in parcels be best adapted, in their opinion, to produce the highest price, and before making such sale the said Commissioners shall advertize the time, place & terms thereof in such manner and for such length of time as, in their opinion, may be necessary to give sufficient publicity thereto & that they make report of their proceedings to this Court for further decree"

On July 26, 1869, in File 1201 Wright H. Wright and his wife Minerva executed a deed to Samuel D. Patterson as to the real estate in dispute:

"This deed made this the ____ day of June, 1869, between Wright H Wright and Minerva his wife of the one part and Samuel D Patterson of the other part, Witnesseth: That the said Wright H Wright and Minerva his wife, in consideration of $8871:25c, and in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, pronounced on the 4th day of May, 1869, in a suit in chancery pending in the said Court, wherein the said Wright H Wright is plaintiff and the said Samuel D Patterson and others are defendants, do grant unto the said Samuel D Patterson all of the estate, right, title and interest of the said Wright H Wright & of his said wife or of either of them, in and to the real estate in the bill in said suit mentioned shewn and described by Exhibit "F" filed in the said bill, to which reference may be had for a more particular description of said real estate, all of which lies in the County aforesaid.

And the said Wright H Wright doth covenant, that he and his said wife have the right to convey the said real estate to the said Samuel D Patterson: that the said Samuel D Patterson shall have quiet and peaceable possession of the same free from all incumbrances: and that he the said Wright H Wright will warrant

generally the property hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures & seals

Wright H Wright
Minerva Wright

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

Robt E Allen a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, in the state of Virginia, do certify, that Wright H Wright, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the day of June, 1869, has acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the 26th day of July 1869.

Robt E Allen J.P.

State of Virginia)
County of Bedford) to wit:

We Robt E Allen and John A. Mooman Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do certify, that Minerva Wright the wife of Wright H Wright, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 26th day of July, 1869, this day personally appared before us in the said County, and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the said writing fully explained to her, she the said Minerva Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this the 26th day of July 1869

Robt E Allen J.P.
John A. Mooman J.P."

On April 29, 1870, in File 1201 the commissioner filed his report reporting the sale of the land to James M. Wright:

"Wright)
v.) Commissioners Report
Patterson &c)

The undersigned Commissioners acting under the decree made in this cause May 4' 1869: Beg leave to report, That the defendant Samuel D. Patterson having failed to make payment of the balance of purchase money for the land in the bid mentioned within the time prescribed by said decree; they having

advertised the time and place of sale for three weeks next preceding the day of sale in the Bedford Sentinel Newspaper and by posting hand-bills at various places in the County; did on the 10th day of December 1869 sell to the highest bidder at public auction on the premises the several interests in, and lots and parcels of Land in the bill mentioned: Your commissioners were of opinion that the 6/10 interest in the dower tract of land could be sold more advantageously by selling the "tract entire" they having authority to sell the remaining 4/10 under a decree in the Case of Meador & wife & v. Patterson &c they accordingly sold the entire tract of 126 acres together; and James M. Wright became the purchaser at the price of $16.55 the said 6/10 interest amounting to the sum of $1251.18 of which sum the said James M. Wright paid in cash $66.00 and executed his three bonds bearing interest from date for the residue in the sum of $395.06 cash payable in 6, 12 & 18 mos. respectively with Wright H. Wright as surety; which bonds are herewith returned.

The residue of the land was purchased by Wright H. Wright in quanties and at the prices following to wit the moeity in the 48-1/2 acres mentioned in the bill at the price of $500.00, Lots Nos. 5 & 6 containing together 112-1/4 acres at $17.00 per acre - Lots Nos. 2, 3, & 4 containing 115- 1/4 acres at $17.00 per acres, 1/2 of lot no 1. amounting to 15-1/4 acres at $35.75 per acre the whole amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $4921.61-1/2 of which sum the said Wright H. Wright paid in cash $170.00 and executed his three bonds bearing interest from date for the residue in the sum of $1583.87-1/2 each payable in 6, 12 & 18 months respectively, with James M. Wright as surety which said bonds are returned herewith.

The cas payment of $66.00 paid by Jas. M. Wright and the $170.00 paid by Wright H Wright were paid to your commissioner Jas. O'Hensley who has paid the following sums to the persons for the purposes named:

To M. Davis adversing sale	) Recets filed	23.50
To W. S. Myles and fee	)	20.00
" E. C. Burks 1/2 commiss.		66.22
" " " atty fee		15.00
" J. O Hensley 1/2 comp. retained		66.22
" R. D Buford Tickets (Tickets filed		7.02
		197.96

Leaving the sum of $38.04 in the hands of the said J. O Hensley to be disbursed all of which is respectfully submitted

April 29th 1870"

Thereafter in File 1201 the court entered the following order confirming the sale:

"Wright)
Patterson &c) Note for decree

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read and the Report of E. C. Burks and James O Hensley Commissioners appointed by decretal order of the 4th day of May, 1869, to make sale of the lands in the bill mentioned (to which Report there are no exceptions) and was argued by counsel: Upon consideration whereof the Court doth approve and confirm the said report and the sale therein mentioned, and doth adjudge, order, and decree, that upon the application of the complainant, the Clerk of this Court withdraw from the papers in this cause and deliver to the Complainant his three several bonds with James M Wright as surety for $1583.87-1/2 each, taking his receipt therefor and retaining certified copies of said bonds, and file the same amongst the papers of this cause & the Court doth further adjudge order & decree that Commissioner James O Hensley do pay to the Complainant the sum of $38.00 the balance of the cash payments remaining in his hands after paying costs &c expenses of sale as of appears by said report and that the defendant Samuel D Patterson be credited on his debts to the complainant in the bill mentioned with the aggregate amount of the complainant's bonds aforesaid, to wit, with the sum of $4751.62-1/2 as of the 10th day of December 1869 (the date of said bonds); and the said sum of $38.00 as of third day and the Court doth further order, that James O Hensley (who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for that purpose) do convey to the complainant and at his costs by deed with special warranty, all the estate, right, title and interest of the defendant Samuel D. Patterson on in and to the several parcels of land purchased by the Complainant at the sale made by E. C. Burks and James O'Hensley commissioners, as stated in their report aforesaid: And the Court doth further adjudge, order, and decree, that the said James O'Hensley (who is hereby appointed a receiver for the purpose) do withdraw from the papers in this cause the three several bonds of James M Wright with the complainant as surety (filed with the report aforesaid) and collect the same as they become due, and when and as collected, that he pay the same to the complainant in satisfaction pro tanto of his debts in the bill mentioned against the defendant Samuel D Patterson: but the said receiver shall not proceed to act as such, until he shall have first entered into bond with good security, before the Clerk of this Court in his office, in the penalty of $1500-, with condition for the faithful discharge by him of his trust as receiver as aforesaid; and that he make report of his proceedings to this Court for further decree."

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Wright H. Wright	52	M	W	Farmer	
Minerva J. Wright	28	F	W	Keeping house	
Sarah A. Wright	20	F	W	At home	
John R. L. Wright	4	M	W		
James B. Wright	1	M	W		

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Born Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				
	Virginia				

Cannot Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane or Idiot	Male Citizen Over 21	Male Citizen Over 21 Without Right to Vote

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This record indicates that Wright H. Wright was born in about 1818 and that Minerva J. Wright was born in about 1842.

Some time after November 14, 1870, in File 1201 Commissioner Hensley reported that a settlement had been reached between Wright H. Wright and the purchaser James M. Wright:

"Wright)
v.) Commissioners Report
Patterson &c)

The Undersigned Commissioner acting under the Decree made in this cause May 2nd 1870, begs leave to report: That since the said decree was entered, to wit, on the 14th day of November 1870, a settlement was had between Wright H.

Wright (the complainant), and James M. Wright the purchaser of the 6/10 interest in the Dower Lands in the bill mentioned, by which the said James M. Wright became entitled to the three Bonds executed by him for said interest; and an agreement in writing made by them, authorizing your commissioner to apply to the court for confirmation of the same, with Liberty to the said James M. Wright to withdraw said bonds from among the papers in this cause. Which said agreement is returned herewith marked "AL". Your commissioner further reports that in the report of E. C. Burks & himself as commissioners made April 29th 1870, he is erroneously charged with $38.04/100 as amount of cash on hand, when in fact he only had the sum of $29.04/100 of the cash payment remaining in his hands; this error has been satisfactorily explained to Wright H. Wright the complainant; and the amount as directed by the decree of May 2nd 1870, less the error, to wit, the sum of $29.04/100 paid him by your commissioner as per receipt filed herewith marked "J.O.H".

Respectfully submitted
Jas. O Hensley Commissr

May 4th 1871.

Whereas a settlement has been had between the undersigned James M Wright and Wright H Wright by which the said James M. Wright has become entitled to the three bonds executed by the said James M. Wright with the said Wright H. Wright as his surety) for the purchase of the 6/10 interest in the dower land mentioned in and sold under a decree of the Circuit court of Bedford County made on the 4th day of May 1869 in the case of Wright v. Patterson &c. Now therefor this agreement witnesseth that it shall be lawful for James O Hensley (the receiver appointed by a decree made in said cause on the 2nd day of May 1870 to collect said bonds) and he is hereby authorised, to file this agreement with his report as such receiver at the next term of said Court, to ask for a decree confirming the same and liberty to the said James M. Wright to withdraw said bonds, and to do and perform all other acts necessary to carry out this agreement.

Given under our hands this 14th November 1870

James M. Wright
W H Wright"

On or after May 4, 1871, in File 1201 the court entered its final order in the matter:

"Wright)
v.) Note for decree
Patterson &c)

This day this came on to be finally heard upon the papers formerly read the report of James O Hensley, receiver under decree made at the last term of this court, the written agreement of the complainant Wright H Wright and James M Wright the purchaser of the 6/10ths interest in the 126 acres of land in the bill mentioned, which said agreement marked "AD" bears date on the 14th day of November, 1870, and is filed with said report amongst the papers in this cause, to which report there are no exceptions, and was argued by counsel: on consideration whereof, the court doth approve and confirm the said report, and it appearing by said written agreement, that the said James M Wright has satisfied his three bonds of $395.06 each to the complainant Wright H Wright for the purchase money of the said 6/10ths interest, and that the said James M Wright is entitled to have his said bonds delivered up to him, and the defendant Samuel D. Patterson is entitled to have credit for the aggregate amount of said bonds as of their date, the 10th day of December, 1869, on his three bonds to the complainant in the bill mentioned, and after giving said credit and the credit allowed by the decree in this cause at the last term of this court, there will be a balance on the said bonds of the said Patterson to the complainant of $2028.28c, principal money, as of the 10th day of December, 1869, for which the complainant is entitled to a decree against the said Patterson, as shewn by a statement AB approved and filed amongst the papers in this cause, the Court doth adjudge, order, and decree, that the said James M Wright have liberty to withdraw his said three bonds of $395.06 each from amongst the papers of this cause, leaving attested copies, for the aggregate amount of which, $1185.18, the defendant Samuel D Patterson shall receive credit as of the 10th day of December, 1869, on his bonds to complainant in the bill mentioned; and the court doth order, that James O Hensley, (who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose) do convey to the said James M Wright and at his costs, the said 6/10ths interest, by deed with special warranty. And the Court doth further adjudge, order, and decree, that the defendant Samuel D Patterson do pay to the complainant Wright H Wright the sum of $2028.28 with interest thereon to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 10th day of December 1869, bill payment, and that the said Samuel D Patterson do also pay to the said Complainant his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended and liberty is reserved to the parties respectively, to apply to this Court, by motion, on reasonable notice, for any further order or decree, which may be necessary to carry out and give full effect to this and any further decree made in this cause.

Statement
AB
Samuel D Patterson
To Wright H Wright Dr

Balance amt bond in bill mentioned as of 1 October 1869		
Shewn by statement "XY" filed with answer of SD Patterson	1421.93	
Interest till 10 December 1869	187.21	1609.14
Second bond for said statement, due 25 Decr 1867	2935.62	
Interest till 10 December 1869	344.94	3280.56
Third bond for said statement due 25 December 1868	2935.62	
Interest till 10th December 1869	168.80	3104.42
		7994.12
By Decree 2 May 1870		
Wright H Wrights bonds	4751.62	
By same Hensly ordered to pay	38.04	
abated for error (Hensly's report)	9.	29.04
	4780.66	
Cr by James M Wright's 3 bonds of $395.06 each	1185.18	5965.84
Balance due Wright H Wright 10 Decr 1869		$2028.28"

On May 5, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 6/18 the court ordered payment of a judgment of $2028.28 to Wright H. Wright:

"Wright H. Wright Plaintiff
against
Samuel D Patterson, Wilson Meador and Mary
his wife & others Defendants

This day this cause came on to be finally heard upon the papers formerly read, the report of James O. Hensley, Receiver under decree made at the last term of this Court, the written agreement of the Complainant Wright H Wright and James M. Wright the purchaser of the Six tenths interest in the One hundred and twenty six acres of land in the bill mentioned, which said agreement marked "AL" bears date on the 14th day of November 1870, and is filed with said report amongst the papers in this cause, to which report there are no exceptions, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth approve and confirm the said eport, and it appearing by said written agreement, that the said James M. Wright has satisfied his three bonds of Three hundred and ninety five dollars and

six cents each to the Complainant Wright H. Wright for the purchase money of the said Six tenths interest, and that the said James M. Wright is entitled to have his said bonds delivered up to him, and the defendant Samuel D. Patterson is entitled to have credit for the aggregate amount of said bonds as of their date, the 10th day of December, 1869, on his three bonds to the Complainant in the bill mentioned, and after giving said credit and the credit allowed by the decree in this cause at the last term of this Court, there will be a balance on the said bonds of the said Patterson to the Complainant of Two thousand and twenty eight dollars and twenty eight cents, principal money, as of the 10th day of December, 1869, for which the Complainant is entitled to a decree against the said Patterson, as shewn by a statement B approved and filed amongst the papers in this cause, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the said James M Wright have liberty to withdraw his said three bonds of Three hundred and ninety five dollars and six cents each from amongst the papers of this cause, leaving attested copies, for the aggregate amount of which, Eleven hundred and eighty five dollars and eighteen cents, the defendant Samuel D. Patterson shall receive credit as of the 10th day of December, 1869, on his bonds to Complainant in the bill mentioned, and the Court doth order, that James O. Hensley, (who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the purpose), do convey to the said James M Wright and at his costs, the said Six tenths interest, by deed with special warranty. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that the defendant Samuel D Patterson do pay to the Complainant Wright H. Wright the sum of Two thousand and twenty eight dollars and twenty eight cents, with interest thereon to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 10th day of December 1869, till payment, and that the said Samuel D. Patterson do also pay to the said Complainant his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended and liberty is reserved to the parties respectively, to apply to this Court, by motion on reasonable notice, for any further order or decree, which may be necessary to carry out and give full effect to this and any former decree made in this cause"

On about April 30, 1873, Albon A. Arthur sued again in Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court, File 6638, to force a sale of the lands of Wright H. Wright to pay the judgment obtained in 1868:

"To the Honorable John A. Wharton Judge of the County Court of Bedford County:

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your Orator Albon A. Arthur, That at the May Term 1867 of the County Court of Bedford County, by the consideration & judgment of said Court, yur orator (who was styled Executor of William A. Creasey) recovered against Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, J. D. Meador, & Wright H. Wright the sum of eight hundred and fifteen dollars and twenty six cents, to be discharged by the payment of four hundred and

seven dollars and sixty three cents, with interest thereon to be computed after the rate of six per centum per annum from the 10th day of April 1867 until paid, and $3.78 & his cost by him about his suit in that behalf expend an abstract of which is herewith filed Marked "A" & prayed to be taken as part of this bill, which said Judgment, principal, interest, & costs, still remains unpaid, and the same & every part thereof, is still due & owing.

Your orator further sheweth that the said Wright H. Wright is seized and possessed, in fee, of the following tracts or parcels of land, to wit; one parcel of 42-1/2 acres, one parcel of 58 acres, one parcel of 12 acres, one parcel of 15-1/2 acres, one parcel of 45 acres, & another parcel of 42-1/2 acres, amounting in the aggregate to 255-1/2 acres, all situated in Bedford County, upon the waters of Beaver Dam Creek.

Your orator further sheweth that said Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, & J. D. Meador, have not, nor have either of them, so far as your orator is advised any real estate whatever, or at least any such real estate liable to be subjected to the payment & satisfaction of said Judgment.

Your orator further sheweth that as far as he is advised, there no other liens by Judgment or otherwise upon the real estate of the said Wright H. Wright hereinbefore mentioned, & that the rents & profits thereof will not satisfy said Judgment within five years.

In tender consideration whereof, & for as much as your orator is remediless save in a Court of Equity where matters of this kind are specially cognizable, he prays that the said Wright H. Wright, Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, & Jr. D. Meador be made parties defendant to this bill, and be required to answer on oath the several statements, allegations, & charges thereof as fully & particularly as if they were here repeated, & they thereto severally & specially interrogated; and especially that said Wright H. Wright answer & say whether the real estate of which he is seized & possessed is herein-before correctly set forth; and whether at or since the date of said Judgment he has been seized or possessed of any other real estate, & if so, its quantity, location, & his title thereto, or if conveyed, when & to whom: and that said Samuel D. Patterson, Green Dearing, & J. D. Meador, each answer & say whether at or since the date of said they or any or either of them has been seized or possessed of any real estate, liable to be subject to the payment & satisfaction of said Judgment, & if so, its quantity, location, & title thereto, or if conveyed, when & to whom that the real estate herein before mentioned be sold & the proceeds applied to the satisfaction of your orator's Judgment. Grant unto your orator the Commonwealth's writ of subpoena, commanding &c & all such other, further, & general relief as to equity

may seem meet, or the nature of his case require. And as in duty bound he will ever pray &c.

Jno. R. Thurman)
Charles A. Bower) p.q."

On May 30, 1873, in File 6638 the court ordered an accounting of the lands of Wright H. Wright and their rental value:

"In Bedford County Court May 30th 1873
Albon A. Arthur — Plaintiff
against
Wright H. Wright, Samuel D. Patterson,
Green Dearing & J. D. Meador — Defendants

This day this cause came on to be heard upon the bill of the plaintiff the decrees nisi and orders and proceedings at rules and was argued by counsel. Upon consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take 1st an account of the liens upon the land in the Bill mentioned & their priorities if any, 2nd An account of the lands of the defendant Wright H. Wright & their respective values as well as the yearly rental values thereof & report to Court

A Copy Teste
Ro. J. Quarles C.B.C."

A tax list of the lands of Wright H. Wright was included in File 6638:

"Name of Person Who by himself or by his tenant has the free-hold in possession of the land charged	Residence of the owner of the tract of land	Nature of the owner's estate whether held in fee or for life	Number of acres in each tract
Wright Wright H.	Bedford	Fee	42½
"	"	"	58
"	"	"	12
"	"	"	15½
"	"	"	45
"	"	"	40
"	"	"	42½

Name of the tract and description of the land, as to water courses, mountains, contiguous tracts, or other places, on or near which it lies	Distance and bearing from the courthouse Bearing from C.H.	Miles	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Total Value of the land and buildings
Beaverdam Creek	SW	17	12	510
"	"	"	12	696
"	"	"	12	144
"	"	"	12	186
"	"	"	12	540
"	"	"	12	480
"	"	"	12	510
				3066

In Bedford County Clerk's Office April 30' 1873 The above is an Extract from the Land Book for the Township of Chamblissburg for the year 1872 on file in said Clerks Office,

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

On July 11, 1873, in File 6638 Wright H. Wright gave his deposition on the amount of land he owned and its rental value:

"The Deposition of Wright H. Wright, a witness of lawful age taken at the Office of Johnson & Whasker in Liberty Va. on 11 July 1873 to be read as evidence on behalf of the defendant in the Chancery cause of Arthur vs Wright &c. pending in Bedford County Court. This deponent being sworn, deposes & says

1st question by Counsel for Dfts - State what lands you own, and where the same are situated?

Answer: I own all the land in Exhibit filed with bill (except there is 12 acres too much) it all lies on Beaver Dam creek (12 acres excepted is included in one of the three last lots). I also own a moiety in 48-1/2 acres of land with the heirs of James Carner about 1/4 mile from the foregoing tracts:

2d question by the same - What is the annual value of the rents & profits of all of your said lands?

Answer: I suppose them to be worth some $300, or $400.

W H Wright

Subscribed & sworn to before me this the 11 July 1873

J E Wharton
Commis in Chancery
Bedford County Court"

Depositions were also taken on the same day of George Dearing and John G. Kasey.

The commissioner in File 6638 found the rental value was $300 per year and the court ordered commissioners to take possession of the land and rent it out until the judgment was paid:

"Arthur
vs Note for decree
Wright

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read and the report of commissioner John E. Wharton under the decree of the 20th of May 1873 and the depositions therewith returned and was argued by counsel upon consideration whereof it appearing to the court that the rents & profits of the land in the Bill mentioned will pay the plaintiffs debt in less than five yearrs the court Doth by consent of parties adjudge order, order and decree that John R. Thurman & L D. Haymond who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose do lease the land in the Bill mentioned belonging to the defendent Wright H. Wright for two years for cash anough to pay the costs of this suit and expenses of leasing taking from the lessee bonds with good personal security for the defered payments in two equal installments filling one respectively on the first day of July 1874 & on the 1st day of July 1875 & report to court how they have executed this decree"

On February 13, 1880, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 54/458 Wright H. and Minerva J. Wright executed a mineral lease with Bedford Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company:

"Lease

State of Virginia
County of Bedford SS.

This Lease, made this 13th day of Feby. in the year A.D., 1880, between Wright H. Wright & Minerva J his wife of Bedford County, State of Virginia, of the first part, and Bedford Iron Mining and Manufacturing Co of the second part Witnesseth: That the said Wright H. Wright & Minerva J his wife of the first part, doth demise unto the said parties of the second part, or their personal representatives and assigns, all Iron, Coal, or other Minerals which may be found in and upon the tract of land hereinafter described for the term of twelve years with privilege of renewal for like term of years, and the right to go upon said lands, to dig, mine, and to haul from said land all or any minerals found upon said land; granted to the party of the second part.

Said tract of land is located in X rods District Bedford County State of Virginia supposed to contain 100 acres more or less & adjoining Abner Howell James Horn & others being purchased by the party of the first part from ____ as will more fully appear by reference to a Deed on record in the Clerk's Office, Book __, Page __, in the County of ____, Virginia.

The party of the first part agree to give the party of the second part, the right of way to and over any portion of the Land above described, for the purpose of obtaining or removing any Coal, Iron or other Minerals found in or upon said land; and the parties of the second part shall have the right to sell and to dispose of their interest in and to this Deed of Lease to any person that they may elect; and that their heirs, administrators, executors or assign shall have the same title to this Deed of Lease as if the party of the second part were acting in person.

And the party of the second part agree to pay unto the party of the first part the one fifth part of the new profits arising from the sale of any Coal or other Mineral that may be mined or obtained from the Land heretofore described and leased after the same is sold and the receipts are in the hands of the party of the second part; and the party of the second part hereby agrees to pay the sum of one Dollar, at the time of signing and delivery of this Deed of Lease by the party of the first part.

Witness the following signature and seal

Witness: W H Wright
M J Wright

Before County, State Virginia, Feby 1880

Received of F J Chapman M P Preston one Dollar, the amount specified in the above Lease. Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of Feby 1880

Witness: W H Wright

Bedford Count, to wit: Decr 8th 1881

We J A Marshall & S H Price Justices of Bedford County, State of Virginia, do certify that W. H. Wright whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date 13th Feby. 1880, has acknowledged the same before us in our county aforesaid, and we do further certify that Minerva J. Wright, the wife of the said W H Wright, whose name is also signed to the writing above bearing date as aforesaid, personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid, and being examined before me privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, she the said M. J. Wright acknowledged the said writing to be her act, and declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under our hands this 8th day of Decr 1881.

J A Marshall J.P
S. H Price, JP

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 31st 1882.

This Lease from Wright H. Wright and wife to the Bedford Iron Mining and Manufacturing Company of Virginia, leasing real estate, was produced in said Office, and together with the certificate thereto annexed, admitted to record

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles, C.B.C."

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright H. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Wright H. Wright	W	M	63		
Manerva J. Wright	W	F	37		Wife
John R. L. Wright	W	M	13		Son
James A. H.(?) Wright	W	M	11		Son
Eula V. M. Wright	W	F	9		Daughter
Lura A. Wright	W	F	7		Daughter

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmr		
M		Keeping house		
S		Farm Laborer		
S		Farm Laborer		
S				
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that Wright H. Wright was born in about 1817 and that Manerva J. Wright was born in about 1843.

On September 6, 1894, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 74/50 Wright H. Wright purchased 94 acres of land from the heirs of James M. Wright:

> "This Indenture made this the sixth day of September 1894, between James M. Wrights heirs, of the County of Bedford State of Virginia, of the first part and Wright H. Wright of the same County and State of the second part Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first, for and in consideration of the sum of $360.

dollars, lawful money of the United States, to them duly paid before the delivery hereof, hath bargained and sold, and by these presents doth grant and convey to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, for ever, all that certain parcel of land, lying in the county of Bedford State of Virginia and adjoining the lands Burwell Baker Bush McFalls and others contaning 91 acres together with all and singular the tenements, heraditaments, and appurtinances, and all the estate, title and interest, of the said parties of the first therein. And the said parties of the first doth hereby covenant and agree with the said party of the second part that at the time of the delivery hereof, the said parties of the first part is the lawful owers of the premises above Granted, and seized thereof in fee simple absolute, and that we will warrant and defend the above granted premises in the quied and peaceful possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 18th day of September A.D. 1894.

Mary T. Wright
Susan S. E. Wright
W. P. Wright
Jennie Wright
S. H. Dooley
Julia A Dooley
A. L. Feather
M. E. Feather
James A. Wright
Sarah A. Wright
Alice F. Thrasher
S. F. Thrasher
Delia E. Wright
Chas E. Wright
Mattie J. Wright

The State of Texas)
County of Dallas)

Before me Jno. T. Whitaker a Justice of the Peace Ex officio Notary Public in and for Dallas County Texas on this day appeared W. P. Wright and Jennie Wright, wife of W. P. Wright known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed. And the said Jennie Wright, wife of the said W. P. Wright having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same by me fully explained to her, she, the said Jennie Wright acknowledged such instrument to me to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed, and that she did

not wish to retract it. Given under my hand and seal of Office this September 18th A.D. 1894

Jno. T. Whitaker
Justice of the Peace
Ex officio Notary Public
Dallas County Texas

State of Virginia
County of Bedford to Wit:

I, S. P. Harris a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that Mary T. Wright (widow of James M. Wright (Deceased), Susan S. E. Wright, Samuel H. Dooley and Julia A. Dooley his wife, A. L. Feather, and Mary E. Feather, his wife, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright and Mattie J. Wright, whose names are signed to the writing bearing date of the 6th day of September 1894 have personally appeared before me, and acknowledged the same, before me, in my County and State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 27th day of June 1895.

S. P. Harris, N.P.

State of Virginia
County of Roanoke to wit:

I, W. G. Wood a Justice of the Peace for the above State & County do certify that S. F. Thrasher & Alice F. Thrasher whose names are signed to the foregoing deed bearing date 6" day of September 1894 have acknowledged the same before me in my County & State aforesaid. Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1895

W. G. Wood, J.P.

State of Kansas)
Hamilton County) S.S.

Be it remembered that on this the 4th day of May A.D. 1895 personally appeared before me a Notary Public in for the County and State aforesaid James A. Wright and Sarah A. Wright husband and wife who are personally known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing deed and such persons duly acknowledged the execution thereof as their free and voluntary act. In testimony

whereof I have hereunto signed my name and attached my official seal the day and year last above witten.

I. J. C. Guy Notary Public
My Commission expires Feb. 20th 1896

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, May 20th, 1896.

This Deed from Mary T. Wright Susan S. E. Wright, W. P. Wright, Jennie Wright, S. H. Dooley, Julia A. Dooley, A. L. Feather, M. E. Feather, James A. Wright, Sarah A. Wright, Alice F. Thrasher, S. F. Thrasher, Delia E. Wright, Charles E. Wright and Mattie J. Wright heirs of James M. Wright, to Wright H. Wright, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificates of acknowledgment annexed and admitted to record.

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.50 Pd.)

Teste
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

Remnants Of War 1861-1865 by Ann Chilton included the following record of Civil War veterans:

"Name	Age	Rank	Co.	Regt. When He Served
Wright, Wright H.	78	Private		13 Va. Regt.

Date of Enlistment Length of Time

2 Yrs 6 Months"

On June 13, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 77/201 Wright H. Wright and M. J. Wright sold 25 acres of land to Henry S. Chittum:

"This Deed, made this 13th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight between Wright H Wright and M. J. Wright, his wife parties of the first part, and Henry S. Chittum party of the second part. Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and seventy five dollars Dollars, cash in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Wright H. Wright doth grant unto the said Henry S. Chittum with General Warranty, all of that tract of land owned by said W. H. Wright situated near Stewartsville containing twenty five acres (25) more or less and adjoining the lands of Isaac James on the North and Reeves A. Lawhorn on the east, and John Hancock and Drewry & Dickenson on the south, and of Frank Wright (deceased) on the west. The said Wright H. Wright and M. J. Wright his wife covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that they have done no act to

encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances, and that they, the said parties of the first part, will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite. Witness the following signature and seal.

Witness
S. P. Harris

Wright H. Wright
M. J. Wright

State of Virginia
County of Bedford, to wit:

I, W. G. Neighbors a Notary Public for the county aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that Wright H. Wright and M. J. Wright his wife whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 13th day of June 1898, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid Given under my hand this 13th day of June 1898.

W. G. Neighbors, N.P.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 24th, 1899.

This Deed from Wright H. Wright and M. J. Wright, his Wife to Henry S. Chittum, conveying real estate, was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, and admitted to record.

(Tax $1.00 Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C"

On August 20, 1898, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 76/555 W. H. and Manerva J. Wright sold their riparian rights in 250 acres of land to E. L. Wright:

"This Deed, made this 20th day of August, 1898, by and between W. H. Wright and Manerva J. Wright, his wife, parties of the first part and E. L. Wright party of the second part: Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of $1.00 cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) payable when the party of the second part shall make sale of the waters of Beaver Dam Creek, or otherwise divert the waters aforesaid, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey, with covenants of general warranty of title, all of their riparian interest of every kind and description in and to that certain stream of water in the County of Bedford, Va., commonly known and designated as Beaver Dam Creek, which Creek runs through and upon a portion of that certain tract of land containing 250 acres more or less, it being the same land conveyed to the parties of the first part by James P. Wright and others, which deed is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County,

Va., in Deed-book ____, page ____, hereby granting and conveying to the party of the second part the right to divert, either or both, the waters aforesaid, as he may see fit, except that the right to impound the waters aforesaid upon the property of the parties of the first part is not granted. Witness the following signatures and seals of the parties, the day and year first above written.

W. H Wright
M. J. Wright

Virginia
County of Bedford, To-Wit:

I J. S. Markham, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Bedford, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that W. H Wright and Manerva J. Wright, his wife, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 20th day of August, 1898, this day personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 8th day of October, 1898.

J. S. Markham J.P.
Justice of the Peace.

Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, October 11th 1898.

This Deed from W. H. Wright and M. J. Wright, his Wife, to E. L. Wright conveying riparian interest, was produced in said Office, with the certificate of acknowledgement annexed, and being stamped according to law, is admitted to record.

(Tax 50¢ Pd.
Fee $1.25 Pd.)

Teste,
R. D. Buford, CBC"

In her letter dated March 15, 2001, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of the gravestone of Wright H. Wright which stated as follows:

"Father
Wright H. Wright
Born 1821
Jun 21, 1899
Gone But Not Forgotten"

The will of Wright H. Wright was dated September 15, 1897, probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371, and provided as follows:

"Know all men by these present: that I Wright H. Wright of the County of Bedford State of Virginia, farmer by trade being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death, do hereby make my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments, by me heretofore made, To Wit as to my worldly estate, and all the property, real, personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled to at the time of my decease, I devise, bequath, and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit; All my just debts and funeral expenses first to be paid by my executor hereafter to be named, Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Lura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. And also to my loving wife I will and bequeath two horses to wit: one sorrel mare named Coly, and one colt, a dark bay in color, one milch cow red muley, two hogs, forty bushels of wheat, forty barrels of corn, one wagon and harness, and all my household and kitchen furniture. I also will my loving wife one third of my Beaver Dam farm. I also will and bequeath to my loving wife the balance due me from Henry Chittim on land same as other property. All the rest of my landed estate I will and bequeath to my children and grand above named. Any heir named in this Will who institue a law suit for the purpose of breaking this will shall be cut of from his or her part named in the same, and further I cut my sons wives out forever from any part of my estate. In testimony whereof I the said Wright H. Wright have to this my last will and testament, Afixed my name and seal this the Fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninty seven.

Witness
S. H. Dooley
B. J. Carter
A. J. Howell

Wright X H. Wright

At Bedford County Court, June 26th 1899.

This last Will and Testament of Wright H. Wright, deceased, bearing date the 15th day of September, 1897, was produced in Court, proved according to law by the oaths of Samuel H. Dooley and Abner J. Howell, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
R. D. Buford, C.B.C."

On January 22, 1900, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/412 an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Wright H. Wright was filed:

"An Appraisement of the estate of Wright H. Wright deceased, made by the undersigned Appraisers on the 11th day of November 1899, After having been first duly sworn for the purpose.

I, J. S. Markham, a Notary Public for the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia, do certify that W. W. Spradlin, S. H. Dooley and Charles E. Wright the foregoing appraisers, were duly sworn before me to well and truly appraise the personal estate of W. H. Wright, deceased, before taking said appraisement.

Given under my hand this the 11th day of November 1899.

J. S. Markham, N.P.

1	1 Heifer	$12.00
2	2 Sheep at $4 each	8.00
3	1 Stack of Millet hay	2.00
4	1 Lot of corn (nibbing) 7 barrels	5.95
5	" " hay	7.00
6	" " "	2.00
7	" " "	6.00
8	" " Oats	4.72
9	1 " " Corn at home place at 25 ct per 16 bish:	4.00
10	80 bundles of blade fodder	.75
11	14 Shocks of top fodder	.15
12	12 Stacks with 3 to 4 shocks of cut corn fodder	.60
13	1 Lot of shucks	.16
14	1/3 money for tomato crop	39.21
		92.54

(S. H. Dooley
Appraisers (Chas E. Wright
(W. W. Spradlin

D. L. Kesler Admr

Jan 18th 1900 Office of Comm'r of Accs.

I do certify that I have examined the foregoing Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Wright H. Wright, and find the same to be in proper form.

N Sale Commr. of Accs.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 22nd, 1900.

This Inventory and Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Wright H. Wright, deceased, being produced in said Office, Certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On January 22, 1900, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/413 a list of property sold for the estate of Wright H. Wright was filed:

"Sale of the personal property of W. H. Wright dec'd. made the 15th day of Nov. 1899.

1	1 Lot of oats to W. W. Spradlin	$4.72
2	" " " Hay to W. W. Basham	6.25
3	" " " " " Mrs. Manevia Wright	5.60
4	" " " " " Tuck Dearing	2.50
5	" " " Corn " W. W. Spradlin 7 barrels at $1 per bal.	7.00
6	" " " Millet to Mrs Manevia Wright	2.36
7	2 Sheep at $4.60 each to " "	9.20
8	1 Hiefer to W. W. Spradlin	14.75
9	1 Lot of Corn at home place at 25 ct 16 bus.	4.00
	to Abe Baker	.00
10	1 Lot of blade fodder to J. B. Wright	.55
11	14 Shocks of Top & 12 stacks of cut fodder to Mr. Crouch	1.35
12	1 Lot of Shucks to William Siner	.16
13	Money for 1/3 of tomato crop	39.21
		97.65
	Off by error in tomato crop	.65
		97.00

S. H. Dooley, Clk;
D. J. Kesler Admr.

Office of Comms. of accs Jan 18 - 1900.

I do certify that I have examined the foregoing list of sales, and find the same to be in due form.

N. Sale Commr. of Accs.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 22nd 1900.

This List of Sales of the personal property belonging to the Estate of W. H. Wright, deceased, being produced in said Office, certified, is admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On April 22, 1901, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/549 Daniel J. Kesler filed his accounting for the estate of Wright H. Wright:

"The Estate of Wright H. Wright
In a/c with Daniel J. Kesler, his admr.

1899		Dr.	
Oct		To amount paid for coffin	18.00
1900			
Jan 16		" amt. pd. S. M. Bolling, Clerk	3.58
"	"	" " " N. Sale, Commr.	2.25
Feb 6	" "	" C. D. Ferguson, Auctioneer	1.00
Mch 19		" " " W. W. Spradling, appraiser	1.00
"	"	" " " Chas. E. Wright "	1.00
"	"	" " " J. S. Markham, swearing apprs.	.75
Apl 21		" " " J. M. Speece, clerk's ticket in suit of Baker v Wright	8.21
		" " " Wm M. Couch, blacksmith a/c	1.41
"	"	" Comms. on $97.00	4.85
		" three trips to Bedford, once to qualify as Admr, once to return list of sales, and once to settle this a/c at $2.00 per trip	6.00
"	"	" Amt paid N. Sale, Commr. for posting notices to creditors	.75
"	"	" Amt. pd. N. Sale for settling this a/c	2.00
"	30	" Amt paid S. M. Bolling Clerk	.96
"	"	" " " on taxes for 1899	4.30
"	"	" " " on bond due Dr. Smead for attendance on Wright H. Wright during his last illness, which bond is for $48.15 and is assigned to J. R. L. Wright	39.94
"	"	" amt in hand to record this a/c	1.00
			97.00

1900		Cr.	
Feby 6	By amount received from sale of personal property at public auction		97.00
			97.00

Commissioner's Office,
Bedford City, Va. June 5th 1900

To the County Court of Bedford County:

Your Commissioner reports to the Court, that on the 30 day of April, 1900, Daniel J. Kessler, the Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, exhibited before your Commissioner a statement of all the money which he, the said Kessler, had received or become chargeable with, or had disbursed, together with the vouchers for such disbursements. That the Commissioner embraced the said Administrator in the list of fiduciares, whose accounts were before him for settlement, which was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of said County, on the first day of May Court last, and on the date of this report (ten days having since elapsed), has made up and completed the foregoing account of the said Kessler's administration of the estate of the said Wright H. Wright, deceased. The account is supported by satisfactory vouchers, and is herewith returned.

Your Commissioner further reports to the Court, that he has examined whether the said Administrator has given such bond as the law requires, and whether it is in a penalty, and with securities sufficient, and finds the same to be unobjectionable and fully sufficient.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner of Accounts of the said Court, on the day and year first aforesaid.

N. Sale, Comm'r. of Accounts,
County Court of Bedford.

In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, February 23rd, 1901.

This Settlement of the Accounts of Daniel J. Kesler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of the said Court annexed, was this day filed in said Office.

Teste,
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C.

At Bedford County Court, April 22nd, 1901.

This Settlement of the accounts of Daniel J. Kesler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste;
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On August 21, 1902, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 83/97 three decrees relating to the division and allotment of the estate of Wright H. Wright were recorded:

"At Bedford Circuit Court, October 11th, 1900.

Sallie A. Settles, Plaintiff
Against
Minerva Jane Wright, widow of Wright H. Wright, deceased, Daniel J. Kessler, Administrator of the said Wrigh H. Wright, William Marcellus Wright, John R. L. Wright, James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker, Laura B. Wright, Matthew F. Carner, and James T. Carner, Defendants.

This cause which appears to have been regularly matured at rules, came on to be heard on the bill of the Complainant taken for confessed as to the resident defendants, the order of publication as to the non-resident defendant, Wm. Marcellus Wright, which order of publication appears to have been duly matured, and upon a petition filed in this cause by Minerva J. Wright, widow of Wright H. Wright, J. R. L. Wright, J. B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker, Laura B. Wright and Sallie A. Settles, children and legatees under the will of Wright H. Wright and was argued by Counsel, Whereupon the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court to take, state and settle the following accounts;

First, an account of the liens upon the lands of Wright H. Wright, deceased, and their priorities if any.

Second, an account of the transactions of Daniel J. Kessler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, using as a basis the ex-parte settlement of the said Daniel J. Kessler, before the Commissioner of accounts of the County Court of Bedford County. But before taking said account such Commissioner so taking shall give notice of the time and place of taking the same by posting notice thereof at the front door of the Courthouse in Bedford City, Virginia, for two successive weeks. And the Court doth order and decree that William E. Nimmo, William Basham, and W. W. Spradlin, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose,

do go upon the lands of Wright H. Wright and in the home tract of ninety one acres do give to Minerva J. Wright, the widow, the dwelling house situate thereon, together with enough land to equal in value one-third of the whole tract including said house. That said Commissioners do cut off from the Beaver Dam tract of two hundred and forty three and one-fourth acres and give to the widow, Minerva J. Wright, one-third of said land, having due regard to the value thereof, and that said Commissioners then divide the remaining two-thirds of the Beaver Dam tract into seven equal parcels as near as may be, and allot to William Marcellus Wright one parcel to Sallie A. Settles one parcel, to John R. L. Wright one parcel, to James B. H. Wright one parcel, to Eula V. M. Baker one parcel, to Laura B. Wright one parcel, and to Matthew F. and James T. Carner one parcel, provided that Matthew F. Carner do within thirty days from the rising of this Court signify in writing whether or not he will elect to pay the estate of Wright H. Wright the sum of two hundred dollars, but if said Matthew F. Carner shall fail to so elect in the time specified, then said last mentioned parcel shall be sold at public auction by N. Sale, Commissioner and one-half of the proceeds given to James T. Carner and the other half to the children and grandchildren of Wright H. Wright named in the will exclusive of Matthew F. Carner. And said Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ a competent survey or for the purpose of making said division. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that Nelson Sale, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, after the widow's dower has been assigned her in the home tract of ninety one acres, shall after duly advertising the time, place and terms thereof, sell by way of public auction in front of the Courthouse in Bedford City, Virginia, the balance remaining of the home tract after dower has been assigned, upon the following terms. One fourth cash the balance in three equal annual instalments, payable one, two and three years from date of sale, purchaser to give interest bearing notes with approved personal security, and title to property retained until all the purchase money is paid, but said Commissioner shall not act under this decree until he shall have given bond with approved security, before the Clerk of this Court in the penalty of One thousand dollars, conditioned according to law, and out of the cash payment said Commissioner shall pay the unpaid costs of this suit, and any taxes which may be due upon said land, and deposit the remainder, if any, of said cash payment in the Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank at Bedford City, Virginia, upon certificate of deposit, payable to the order of this Court.

A Copy, Teste,
John M. Speece Clerk.

[Plat not shown here]

Pursuant to an order of the Circuit Court for Bedford County made October 11th 1900 we the undersigned proceed to survey (with the aid of T. J. Robertson as surveyor) and divide the real estate mentioned in the said order as follows.

Of the home tract of W. H. Wright containing 91 acres we gave and assigned to Minerva J. Wright as her dower 28 Acres 1 Rood and 38 poles of land composed of two lots the first of which on which is situated the mansion house and contains 23 Acres & 1 poles and is bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a gum on a branch represented above at A Thence with J. R. L. Wrights line N 26-1/2 W Xing a road 35 poles to a stone at B. N 86-1/2 W 22 poles, to a stone at C, N. 70 W, 37 po 4 links to the upper edge of a big rock as at D, S. 35-1/2 W. 33 po 20 links to a new corner locust at F, Thence a new line S, 56-3/4 E, 50 poles 17 links to a small pine at G, S, 36-3/4 E 21 po 19 links to a new corner white O Pointer at H, Thence N, 16 E 2 poles 10 links to a stone pile and N. 52-1/2 E (Original bearing) 47 poles to beginning. The second lot contains 5 Acres 1 Rood and 37 poles and bounded as follows, Beginning at an old corner poplar on the branch represented above at figure 1. Thence up the branch as it meanders 50.8 poles to Howells old line as at 2 Thence with his line S. 9-1/4 E, 12 po 9 links to a pland stone in a field at 3 corner to Bandy, with his line as heretofore fixed by Mr Wright and Howell (former owners) N. 80-1/2 E X branch 15 poles 7 links to a planted stone on a road at 4, S, 54 E 8 poles to a stake on the road at 5. Thence a new line N. 25 E 37 po 18 links to the beginning, leaving a balance of this tract of 62 Acres 2 Roods and 2 poles. The lines of which are indicated by the black dotted lines and the road on the South of the farm. The lines was not run in this division except the dower line.

The Beaverdam Tract containe by survey 247 Acres 1 Rood and 25 poles Of this tract we assigned to Mrs Minerva J. Wright as her dower 76-3/4 Acres which is Bounded as follows Beginning at a new corner on a branch in Pates old line represented on the above plat a a Thence a new line N, 71 E down the branch as it meanders 18 poles 7 links to a stake S, 83-1/2 E 18 po 14 links Xing Beaverdam to a stone at foot of hill as at C S, 21 E 9 po 15 L to a stone S, 60-1/2 E 21 po 15 links to Hickory near bank of Beaverdam at E N, 64 E, 27 po to a stake in Mrs Mary Wrights line at f, Thence with her line S, 26 E, 59 po 5 links to a stake formerly pointer N, 86 E 49 poles to Greers branch (Maple called for) Thence down the branch as it meanders S 2 E, 6 poles S, 34 E, 12 poles S, 4 W, 37 poles 13 links to a cedar stump corner to Fouts as at I, Thence with his line N, 73-1/4 W, 90-1/2 po to his corner on beaverdam Thence down beaverdam S 50 W 16 po 18 links to a stake (formerly white O) as at K off from beaverdam N, 60 W, 28 poles to a pointer S, 77-3/4 W, 69 poles to a stake (formerly pine) at m N, 79 W, 8-3/4 po to a persimmon at n N, 19 E, 63 po to a stake near fork of branch (formerly Red Oak) and N, 24-1/4 E 36 po 5 links to the beginning.

Next proceeded to divide the residue of the Beaverdam tract into seven lot of equal value as follows.

Lot No, 1. adjoining the dower and bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake on the branch corner to the Dower thence with the dower line N, 71 E down the branch as it meanders 18 po 7 links to a stake S, 83-1/2 E, 18 po 14 L crossing beaverdam to a stone pile S, 21 E, 9 po 15 L to a stone pile S, 60-1/4 E, 21 po 15 L to a hickory N, 64 E, 27 poles to Mrs. Wrights line (a stake) with her line N, 26 W, 24 po 20 L to a corner stake as at 1, N, 33 E, 26 po to a stone at 2 corner to lot No 2, Thence with the line of lot No. 2 N, 77-1/2 W Xing the creek 69 po to a new corner on the road a small persimmon at 3 Thence S, 16 W 40 poles to a white oak at the bend of the Stewartsville Road as at 4 and thence S, 24-1/4 E, 16 po 20 links to the beginning containing 20 Acres 3 Roods and 36 poles.

Lot No. 2, containing 20 Acres 3 Roods and 36 poles and bounded as follows, Beginning at a small persimmon on the road corner to Lot No 1, Thence with the line of said lot S 77-1/2 E 69 poles crossing Beaverdam to a stone pile in Mrs Mary Wrights line at figure 2 Thence with her line N, 33 E 58 po to a new corner stone on a branch corner to Lot No. 3 or house lot as at figure 5 Thence with the lines of s'd lot N, 88-1/4 W down the branch 46 po 6 links to a stone on a branch as at 6, off from branch S, 6 E, 9 po 22 L to a stone on hill side at 7, S, 87 W, 25 po to the mouth of a branch into Beaverdam at 8, Thence up the creek N, 53-1/2 W, 10 po to the Road S, 88-1/4 W, 8 po 4 links to White line as at 9, with his line S, 16 W 34 poles to the beginning.

Lot No 3 or the house lot containing 13-1/2 acres, Beginning at a stake on banks of Beaverdam in White line as at figure 9, Thence with Whites line N, 16 E 45 po to a new corner stone corner to Lot No 4 as at 10 Thence with the line of said lot N, 62-3/4 E, 11 po 17 links to a corner stake on a branch as at 11 Thence down the branch 20 poles to a post corner of the Garden at 12, N, 70 E, 18 po to a stone above the barn at 13 S, 1 W, 24 po to a stake on the road 14, Thence with the road as it meanders S, 57-1/2 E, 6 poles to a stake off from the road N, 87-1/2 E, 25 po 15 links to a stake at 16 N, 72-1/2 E, 6 po N, 34-1/2 E, 15 po 17 links to a stake at 18, N, 49-1/2 E, 11 po 8 links, N, 81-1/4 E, 9-1/2 po to a stake S, 86 E 7 po 3 links and S, 43-1/4 E, 5 po 9 links to a stone in Mrs Wrights line as at 22 Thence with her line S, 22-1/4 W, 18 po 15 links to a stake on the road as at 30, S, 76 W, 14 po to a stone on the road as at 31 S, 33 W 8 po 10 links to a stone on the branch as at 5 and thence with the lines of lot No 2 as heretofore givern to the beginning.

Lot No 4 containing 32 Acres 1 Rood and 1 pole and Bounded as follows, Beginning at a new corner stake on the Jordan town road corner to lot No 5 as at figure 25 on above plat Thence S, 15 E, 12-1/2 po to a chestnut on East side of Road at 32, S 25-1/2 W 21 po 15 links to a chestnut on West side of Road as at

33 Thence S, 22-1/4 W, 49 po 10 links to a stone corner to lot No 3, as at figure 22 Thence with lines of lot No 3 heretofore givern to a stake on a branch at figure 11 Thence with the line of Lot 5 N ____-3/4 E 125 po 8 links to the beginning

Lot No 5 containing 32 Acres 3 Roods and 32 poles and bounded as follows, Beginning at a stake on Jordantown Road as at figure 25 Thence with line of lot No 4 S, 62-3/4 W, 137 po Xing 2 branches to a stone in Whites line at 10 with Whites line N, 16 E, 20 po to stake on branch at 23 Thence N, 5 W, 27 po 17 links to a stone thence a new line of lot No 6 N, 62-3/4 E 132 po to a stake on Jordantown road as at figure 26, nearly with the road S, 3-3/4 E, 33 po to a stake and S, 15 E, 11 poles to the beginning.

Lot No. 6 containing 25 Acres Bounded as follows, Beginning at stake on Jordantown road at fig 26 corner to lot No 5 thence with the line of same S, 62-3/4 W, 132 po Xing a branch to stone in Whites line 24, with his line N, 5 W, 35, 3 po to a stone at 27 corner to Lot No. 7 Thence with line of Lot No. 6 N, 62-3/4 E, 113 po crossing branch to a stake on Jordantown road at 28 Thence with the road nearly S, 42-1/2 E, 23 po 14 links to a stake on East side of Road at a Haw bush S, 3-3/4 E, 11 poles to the beginning.

Lot No 7 containing 25 Acres and bounded as follows, viz, Beginning at a stake on Jordantown road corner to lot No. 6 Thence with line of same S, 62-3/4 W, 113 poles X branch to a stone in Whites line at figure 27, with Mr Whites line N. 5 W, 33 po to a stone pile N, 49-3/4 E, 58 po to a stake formerly gum at 32, N, 41 E, 16-1/2 po to a gum on a branch at 33. S, 77 E, 32 po 5 links to a gum pointer on West side of Jordantown road at 34 with the road S, 35-3/4 E 24 po to W.O on West side S, 42-1/2 E, 5 po to the beginning.

Lot No. 1 drawn for and allotted to Eula V. M. Baker,
Lot No 2 drawn for and allotted to Matthew F & Jas T Carner.
Lot No 3 drawn for and allotted to J. R. L. Wright.
Not No 4 drawn for and allotted to Lura B. Wright.
Lot No 5 drawn for and allotted to Jas B. H. Wright.
Lot No 6 drawn for and allotted to William M. Wright. and
Lot No 7 drawn for and allotted to Sallie A. Settles.

Respectfully submitted
J. W. Nimmo,)
Wm. Basham) Comrs.
W. W. Spradlin)

Comrs fees,

W. W. Basham	$7.00
Wm. Nimmo	6.00

W. W. Spradlin	$7.00	
Expence	2.00	9.00
		$22.00
T. J. Robertson, Survey's fee		35.30
		$57.30

A Copy, Teste.
John M. Speece Clerk.

At Bedford Circuit Court, May 28th, 1901

Sallie A. Settles, Plaintiff
Against
Minerva Jane Wright, widow of Wright H. Wright, deceased, and others. Defts,

This day this cause came on to be heard upon the papers formerly read; the report of Wm. Nimmo, Wm. Basham and W. W. Spradlin, Commissioners to assign dower and to divide the lands of Wright H. Wright, deceased, among his heirs, the report of Hunter Miller Commissioner in Chancery, and the report of Nelson Sale, Commissioner, to sell certain lands in the bill and proceedings mentioned, to which several reports there are no exceptions and was argued by Counsel; Upon consideration whereof the Court doth confirm the report of Wm. Nimmo, Wm. Basham, and W. W. Spradlin, and the division of the lands of Wright H. Wright, deceased, as made by said Commissioners, and shown in said report, and the Court doth also confirm the report of Hunter Miller Commissioner in Chancery; and the Court approving the sale of lands in this cause made on the 9th day of February 1901, by N. Sale Commissioner and the disbursements of the cash payments collected from the respective purchasers, doth confirm said sales, and the report of N. Sale, Commissioner, and the disbursements shown to have been made by him, and it having been stated in open Court by said N. Sale, Commissioner, that J. R. L. Wright, the purchaser at said sale, of the tract of land allotted to Matthew F. & Jas, T. Carner, Known as Lot No. 2 in the division of the lands of Wright H. Wright, is desirous of paying in full the bonds executed by him for his several deferred payments on the said land, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that N. Sale, Commissioner, do withdraw from the papers in this cause the three several bonds of the said J. R. L. Wright, each in the sum of eighty dollars and fifty cents each, do collect said bonds together with any interest accrued thereon, and deposit the proceeds thereof in one of the Banks of Bedford City, taking therefor a certificate of deposit payable to the order of this Court, and make report thereof to this Court, and the Court doth further adjudge order and decree that N. Sale who is appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, upon the payment by said J. R. L. Wright of his said bonds as aforesaid, do execute to said J R. L. Wright at his costs a deed conveying to him or whom he may direct with special warranty of title the tract of

land known as Lot No. 2, in the division of the lands of Wright H. Wright: and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree, that N. Sale who is appointed a Receiver for that purpose, do withdraw the bonds of J. B. H. Wright, given for the tract of land known as the "home place", and purchased by said J. B. H. Wright, collect the same as they respectively fall due, or before they fall due if said purchaser desires, depositing the proceeds thereof in one of the Banks of Bedford City, Virginia, taking therefor interest bearing certificates of deposit, payable to the order of this Court, and make report thereof to this Court, but said N. Sale shall not act as such Receiver until he shall have first entered into bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars with security to be approved by the Clerk of this Court, and whenever the said J. B. H. Wright shall have paid all of his said bonds in full, then N. Sale who is appointed a Commissioner for that purpose shall execute to said Wright or to whom he may direct a deed to said land so purchased by him, with special warranty of title at the costs of the said Wright, and it appearing to the Court that the heirs of Wright H. Wright are desirous of having a deed conveying to them the respective lots or parcels of land as shown to have been allotted to them by the report of Wm. Nimmo, Wm. Basham, and W. W. Spradlin, Commissioners, it is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed that N. Sale, who is appointed a Commissioner for that purpose, do at the expense of the fund in this cause, execute a deed with special warranty of title conveying to Minerva J. Wright, for and during her natural life, or so long as she shall remain the widow of Wright H. Wright, deceased, two tracts of land one containing twenty eight acres and one pole, and the other containing five acres, one rood, and thirty seven poles, as shown by the report of Commissioners to divide the lands of Wright H. Wright, also conveying in fee simple to Eula V. M. Baker, Lot No. 1, to J. R. L. Wright Lot No. 3: to Lulu B. Wright Lot No. 4: James B. H. Wright, Lot No. 5: to Wm. M. Wright Lot No. 6: and to Sallie A. Settles Lot No. 7: all as shown by the report of said Commissioners to divide the lands of Wright H. Wright, deceased. And it appearing from the report of Hunter Miller Commissioner in Chancery, that there are liens upon the lands of Wright H. Wright, as of the 23rd day of February, 1901, amounting to four hundred and twenty dollars and four cents, and it also appearing from the settlement of the transactions of Daniel J. Kessler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, before said Hunter Miller, that said Administrator has exhausted all the assets now in his hands without paying any of said debts as mentioned in said report, and it further appearing from the will of Wright H. Wright, that he willed and bequeathed to his widow Minerva J. Wright "the balance due from the sale of the Chittum lands", which said balance constitutes a portion of the personal estate of Wright H. Wright, and the Court being of opinion that the personalty must first be used towards the payment of the testators indebtedness before the realty can be subjected, doth adjudge order and decree that this cause be referred to one of the Commissioners of this Court, to take, state and settle the following accounts:

First, To enquire and ascertain how much the balance from the sale of the Chittum land amounts to, and whether or not said balance should not be brought into this suit to be applied to the debts of Wright H. Wright, deceased.

Second: To ascertain and report what proportion of the indebtedness of Wright H. Wright should be charged to and paid by Minerva J. Wright, his widow, who under the will of Wright H. Wright, took a fee simple estate in seventy six and three fourths acres of the Beaverdam tract in addition to her dower interest in the "home place."

Third, To report any other liens which may be proven against the estate of Wright H. Wright. But before taking said account said Commissioner shall give personal notice thereof to the resident parties to this suit, and shall also post notice for thirty days prior to the taking of said account staing the time and place of taking the same at the front door of the Courthouse of Bedford County Virginia.

A Copy, Teste;
John M. Speece, Clerk.

At Bedford Circuit Court, June 7th 1902,

Sallie A. Settles, Plaintiff
Against
Minerva Jane Wright, Widow of Wright H. Wright, decd & others, Defendants.

This day this cause came on again to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the report of N. Sale, Commissioner showing collections made by him and the disbursement thereof, together with certificate of deposit No. 383, on the People's Bank of Bedford City Va, for the sum of one hundred and eighty six dollars and fifty five cents, to which report there are no exceptions and was argued by Counsel. Upon consideration whereof the Court doth confirm said report and the disbursements made therein and the credit allowed J. B. H. Wright upon his bonds as shown in said report, and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that N. Sale, Commissioner, do withdraw from the papers in this cause certificate of deposit No. 383 on the People's Bank of Bedford City Va, for the sum of $186.55, collect the same, pay any unpaid costs of this suit, and out of the balance pay the debts against the estate of Wright H. Wright, deceased, as shown in the report of Commissioner Miller filed in this cause on the 11th day of May, 1901, and if the said fund shall not be sufficient to pay all of said indebtedness, then it is ordered that Daniel J. Kessler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, do pay to N. Sale Commissioner, out of any funds in his hands as such Administrator, enough to pay the balance of said indebtedness, and that hereafter the said D. J. Kessler, Administrator as

aforesaid shall settle his administration accounts before the Commissioner of Accounts for the County Court of Bedford County, and that N. Sale shall apply all money so received from said Kessler towards paying off the balance of the said indebtedness and make report to this Court. And it appearing to the Court that J. B. H. Wright, who purchased one of the parcels of land sold in this cause has paid in full his deferred payments on said land, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that N. Sale, who is hereby appointed a Commissioner for that purpose do at the expense of the fund in this cause execute to the said J. B. H. Wright or to whom he may direct, a good and sufficient deed conveying said property with special warranty of title. And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that so much of a former decree entered in this cause on the 28th day of May 1901, directing N. Sale, Commissioner to convey by deed to the widow and heirs of Wright H. Wright, deceased, their respective shares in the lands of said Wright H. Wright, be revoked, and that in lieu thereof John M. Speece, Clerk of this Court, do certify to the Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County a copy of the decree directing a partition of the land, and a copy of the order confirming the same and a copy of the report of Commissioners to divide the lands of Wright H. Wright, deceased, (which said report was filed in this cause on the 10th day of January 1901,) to be entered on the records of the said County Court Clerk's Office in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia.

A Copy, Teste,
John M. Speece Clerk.

Virginia: In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, August 21st, 1902.

These copies of decrees in the case therein stated, with the copy of the report of the partition and the copies of the surveys and plots accompanying the same, were this day received by the Clerk of the said Court and admitted to record.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

On March 4, 1904, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 32/172 Daniel J. Kesler filed a further accounting for the estate of Wright H. Wright:

"Office of Commissioner Accounts, Bedford City, Va. 189_
To the County Court of Bedford:

On the 30th day of October A.D. 1902, Dan'l J. Kesler, Admr of Wright H. Wright, dec'd exhibited before me a statement of all the money which he the said Admr had received or become chargeable with and had disbursed from the 21st day of August 1901, to the 30th day of Oct. 1902.

I embraced the said Admr in the list of fiduciaries whose accounts were before me for settlement, which list was posted at the front door of the Courthouse of Bedford City, on the first day of the November term, 1902, of the County Court of Bedford County.

On the date of this report, more than ten days having elapsed since the said list was so posted, I made up and completed the following account, showing a balance due, on the 30th day of October 1902, from the Admr to the Estate of $12.10) Twelve & 10/100 The said account is sustained by proper vouchers.

The bond of the said Admr is in due and legal form, in sufficient penalty, and with sufficient security.

Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid.

W. R. Abbot, Jr.
Ass't Commissioner of Accounts.

Estate of Wright H. Wright, dec'd.
In a/c with Daniel J. Kessler, his Admr.

1902		Dr.	
Aug	21	To amt. pd. J. L. Campbell Attorney's fee	15.00
"	"	" " pd. S. M. Bolling Clerk's fees	10.86
"	30	" " " Sallie A. Settles, a legatee her distributive share	23.00
Oct	6	" " " Ula V. M. Baker, a legatee	23.00
"	"	" " " Laura B. Wright " "	23.00
Aug	26	" " " J. R. L. Wright " "	23.00
"	"	" " " J. B. H. Wright " "	23.00
"	21	" " " J. O. Wright " "	23.00
"	26	" " " J. T. Carner " " who took a one half interest	11.50
July	21	" Commissions on $200.00 collected of Roanoke & Vinton Water Co. amt due Wright H. Wright for damages to land	10.00
Oct	30	" Expenses to Bedford to settle this account	2.00
"	"	" W. R. Abbott, Commr of Accounts	1.50
"		" balance in hand for contingent expenses & to be distributed among legatees	12.10
			200.82
1901		Cr	
Sept	17	By balance in hands of admr, as of Sep 17, 1901 as shown by report of Hunter Miller Commr. in chancery in report filed in suit of Settles v Wright &c	.82

1902
July 21 By land damages collected of Roanok & Vinton Water Co. -200.00
200.82

Virginia:
In Bedford County Court Clerk's Office, January 25th, 1904.

This settlement of the accounts of Daniel J. Kesler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of said Court annexed, was this day filed in said Office.

Teste:
C. W. Wharton, C.B.C.

At Bedford Circuit Court, March 4th, 1904.

This settlement of the accounts of Daniel J. Kesler, Administrator of Wright H. Wright, deceased, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of the County Court of this County annexed, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court more than one month, was produced in Court and no exceptions having been taken thereto, it was examined, confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
John M. Speece, Clerk."

In her email dated March 7, 2001, Melissa Foutz stated that the 1910 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Minerva Wright in the John Moran household and her age as 69, born in Virginia, and her relationship as mother-in-law.

In her letter dated March 15, 2001, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of the gravestone of Manerva J. Wright which stated as follows:

"Mother
Manerva J. Wright
Born 1841
Nov 19 1923
Gone But Not Forgotten"

On May 6, 1924 at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 37/448 a list of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright was filed:

"The following is a list of the names, and as far as possible for me to state, the ages, relationships and addresses of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright, who died

intestate, and for whose estate I have been appointed Administrator by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, to-wit:

Names	Ages years	Addresses
J. Rufus L. Wright, son	57	Stewartsville, Va.
J. Bruce H. Wright, son	55	Vinton, Va.
Eula B. M. Baker, daughter	53	Vinton, Va.
Lura B. Moran, daughter	50	Stewartsville, Va.

Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 1924.

J. Rufus L. Wright

Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office:

I, V. W. Nichols, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that J. Rufus L. Wright, administrator of Manerva J. Wright, deceased, this day personally appeared before me, in said office, and made oath that he has made diligent inquiry as to the names, ages and addresses of the heirs of said decedent and that he believes such list to be true and correct, as set forth above.

Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 1924.

V. W. Nichols, Clerk.

Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office, May 6th, 1924.

This list of names, ages and addresses of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright, deceased was this day filed in said office by J. Rufus L. Wright, Administrator of the said decedent, and upon the annexed affidavit, admitted to record.

Teste:
V. W. Nichols Clerk."

On about August 20, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, John R. L. Wright, James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker, and Laura B. Wright, as heirs of Wright H. Wright, filed their complaint against Sallie A. Settles, William Marcellus Wright, Matthew F. Carner, and James T. Carner, as heirs of Wright H.

Wright, to quiet title to certain real property and to sell the real property and divide the proceeds among the heirs entitled thereto:

> "To the Honorable Judge P. H. Dillard, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Virginia:
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> Your complainants, John R. L. Wright, James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker and Laura B. Wright respectfully show unto your honor the following facts:
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> That their father Wright H. Wright, late of the County of Bedford, on or about the __ day of ____, in the year 1899, died seized and possessed of considerable real and personal estate, leaving surviving him a widow, Minerva Jane Wright; six children, your complainants, Sallie A. Settles and Wm. Marcellus Wright; two grand children, children of James S. and Allie Patria Carner, (said James S. and Allie Patria Carner are both deceased), the names of said grand children being Matthew F. and James T. Carner.
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> That the said Wright H. Wright, in his life time, to-wit, on or about the 15th day of September 1897, duly made his last will and testament according to law, whereby he charged his whole estate with the payment of his debts, and subject thereto bequeathed to the widow Minerva Jane Wright, certain personal property specified in said will, also one-third interest in a tract of land known as the home tract, as long as she remain his widow, also a one-third interest in a tract of land known as the Beaver Dam Tract and the balance of his landed estate he bequeathed to his children and grand children above named, the said Matthew F. and James T. Carner to have one share between them, but said Matthew F. Carner not to receive any thing until he had paid the estate the sum of $200.00, but that no executor was named in the will; that said will was duly admitted to probate in the Clerk's Office of Bedford County on the 26th day of June, 1899, a certified copy of which is hereby filed marked Exhibit "A";
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> That on the 20th day of August, 1900, Sallie A. Settles filed a bill in the Circuit Court of Bedford County against your complainants and Wm. Marcellus Wright and Matthew F. and James T. Carner, asking for a construction of the will of said Wright H. Wright, and as to what share James T. Carner would get in the estate of the said Wright H. Wright in case he failed to pay the estate $200 as stated in the will, and asking for an account of the transaction of Daniel J. Kessler, administrator of the estate of Wright H. Wright, deceased.
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> Your complainants aver and charge that in this suit all of the land of the said Wright H. Wright, deceased, was sold or divided, except two parcels assigned widow as dower, and out of the proceeds thereof all unpaid debts against the estate were paid, and the remainder divided among those entitled thereto, and that there are now no debts against the estate.

Your complainants aver and charge that the said Wright H. Wright died seized and possessed of a certain tract of land in the county of Bedford, Virginia, containing 91 acres; that out of said tract, two parcels, one containing 23 acres and 1 pole, and the other containing 5 acres, 1 rood, and 37 poles, were assigned to Minerva Jane Wright, the widow of Wright H. Wright; that the said Minerva Jane Wright died on the __ day of November, 1923. The said tract containing 23 acres and 1 pole is bounded and described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the county of Bedford, Virginia, beginning at a gum on a branch represented on a plat filed in the suit of Settles against Wright and others as beginning at point A; thence with J. R. L. Wright's line, N 26-1/2, W. crossing a road 35 poles to a stone at B, N 86-1/2, W. 22 poles to a stone at C, N 70 W 37 poles, 4 links to the upper edge of a big rock, as at D, S 35-1/2, W 33 poles, 20 links to a new corner locust at F; thence a new line S 56-3/4, E 50 poles 17 links to a small pine at G, S 36-3/4, E 21 poles 19 links to a new corner white oak pointers at H; thence N 16 E 2 poles 10 links to a stone pile and N 52-1/2, E, (original bearing,) 47 poles to beginning.

The second lot assigned as dower, containing 5 acres, 1 rood, and 37 poles is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an old corner poplar on the branch represwented above at figure 1; thence up the brance as it meanders, 50.8 poles to Howells old line as at 2; thence with his line S 9-1/4 E 12 po 9 links to a planted stone in a field at 3; corner to Bandy, with his line as heretofore fixed by Mr. Wright and Howell, (former owners,) N 80-1/2 E x branch 15 poles 7 links to a planted stone on a road at 4 S 54 E 8 poles to a stake on the road at 5; thence a new line N 25 E 37 po 18 links to the beginning.

Your complainants further represent that since the death of the said Wright H. Wright the title to the said real estate hereinabove described has now descended to your complainants and Wm. Marcellus Wright, Sallie A. Settles, James T. Carner, and Matthew F. Carner.

Your complainants further represent that the said tract or parcel of land can not be conveniently partitioned in kind among the devisees of the said Wright H. Wright, deceased, and that the entire tract can not be allotted to any party who will accept it and pay therefor to the other parties such sum of money as their interest therein will entitle them to; and that the interest of all parties will be promoted by a sale of the entire tract; they further represent that an allotment of part and a sale of the residue can not be had among said parties.

In tender consideration whereof and forasmuch as your complainants are without remedy, save in a court of equity, where such matters are properly cognizable and relievable, they pray that the said Wm. Marcellus Wright, Sallie A. Settles,

Matthew F. Carner, and James T. Carner may by proper process be made parties defendant to this bill, and required to answer same, though answer under oath by them and each of them is hereby expressly waived; to determine what interest, if any, the said Matthew F. Carner has in the two above described tracts or parcels of land; direct that said tracts or parcels of land hereinabove described may be sold, and the proceeds of said sale be distributed among the parties entitled thereto; direct that all proper accounts may be ordered and taken; grant unto your complainant's attorney a reasonable attorney's fee for instituting and conducting this suit; grant unto your complainants all such other and further relief, both general and special, as the nature of their case may require and to equity and good conscience may seem meet and proper, and is in duty bound, they will ever pray, etc.

W. R. Saunders p.q.

John R. L. Wright
James B. H. Wright
Eula V. M. Baker
Laura B. Wright
By counsel.

1924, September R (1M) Bill filed and decree nisi against Defendants Sallie A. Settles, Matthew F. Carner and James T. Carner Continued as to Defendant Wm Marcellus Wright.

1924, September R (3M) Defendants Sallie A Settles, Matthew F. Carner and James T. Carner failing to appear Bill taken for confessed as to them and cause set for hearing as to them on Plaintiffs' motion Continued as to Defendant Wm Marcellus Wright

1924, October R. (1M.) Decree nisi against Defendant Wm. Marcellus Wright

1924, October R. (3M.) Defendant Wm. Marcellus Wright failing to appear Bill taken for confessed as to him on Plaintiffs' motion."

This record identifies the family of Wright H. Wright as follows:

Wife: Minerva Jane (____) Wright

Children:
1) John R. L. Wright,
2) James B. H. Wright,
3) Eula V. M. (Wright) Baker,
4) Laura B. Wright,
5) Sallie A. (Wright) Settles,
6) William Marcellus Wright,

7) Allie Patria (Wright) Carner, wife of James S. Carner,

Grandchildren and children of Allie Patria (Wright) Carner:

1) Matthew F. Carner, and

2) James T. Carner.

On about August 20, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the clerk was requested to issue subpoenas against the defendant heirs of Wright H. Wright:

"To V. W. Nichols Clerk:

Please issue the following subpoenas in this cause. John R. L. Wright, James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker, Laura B. Wright
V.
Wm. Marcellus Wright to Sheriff of Bedford County
Sallie A. Settles to " " " "
Matthew F. Carner To to Sergeant of City of Norfolk,
James T. Carner to Sheriff of Botetourt County.
to 1st September rules.

W. R. Saunders, pq."

In October 1924 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the court ordered a sale of the land of Wright H. Wright:

"Wright, John R. L. Et Als. Note for Decree,
v. October Term 1924.
Wright, Wm. Marcellus EtAls.

This cause, which appears to have been regularly matured at rules and set for hearing, came on this day to be heard on the bill for complainants, the orders and proceedings had at rules, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, and the defendants Wm. Marcellus Wright, Sallie A. Settles, Matthew F. Carner and James T. Carner failing to appear, plead, answer or demur to the said bill, the same is taken for confessed as to them.

And it appearing from the bill of complainants that Wright H. Wright died seized and possessed of the two tracts of lands in the bill and proceedings mentioned and that he devised said land to his children and grandchildren as set out in said bill.

And it further appearimg from said bill that land cannot be conveniently partitioned in kind among the devisees of the said Wright H. Wright, deceased, and that the entire tract cannot be alotted to any party who will accept it and pay therefor to the other parties such sum of money as their interest therein will entitle them to and that the interests of all parties will be promoted by a sale thereof and a division of the proceeds among those entitled thereto, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that W. R. Saunders be appointed a special commissioner for the purpose of selling said land and he is hereby appointed after due advertisement of the time, terms, and place of sale, either in parcels or as a whole, either publicly or privately, on the premises or in front of the Court-house of Bedford County, Virginia as he may think best, and on the following terms to-wit, one-third of the purchase money to be required in cash, and the balance in two equal installments, evidenced by interest beraing notes of the purchaser, dated on day of sale and payable one and two years after date respectively.

The said Commissioner, before acting under this decree, shall enter into a bond before the Clerk of this Court, with approved security, in the penalty of $2000.00, conditioned as the law directs.

And the said Commissioner shall report his acts under this decree for further action of said Court."

On November 11, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, an advertisement of sale of the land of Wright H. Wright was made:

"Commissioner's Sale of
Valuable Real Estate
Near Vinton, Virginia

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Bedford, Virginia, entered on the 30th day of October, 1924, in the Chancery suit therein pending under the style of John R. L. Wright et. als., vs Wm. Marcellus Wright et als., the undersigned Commissioner will, on Saturday, November 22, 1924, A 2 O'clock, P.M., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises about 3 1-2 miles East of Vinton, and in the neighborhood of Howell's School House, in Bedford County, Virginia, all of the following described real estate:

> All that certain tract or parcel of land, containing 23 acres, and 1 pole, it being the home tract of the late Wright H. Wright, deceased, and is more particularly described in the bill and proceedings. This is a valuable tract of land having on it a six-room dwelling house, stable and out houses; there is a fine spring on this tract, and plenty of fruit.

All that certain tract of land situate near the above tract and containing 5 acres, 1 rood and 37 poles, and is a part of the land that was assigned as dower to the late Minerva Jane Wright out of the estate of Wright H. Wright, deceased.

The two above tracts will be offered separately and as a whole. The family burying ground will be reserved.

Terms - One-third of the purchase money will be required in cash, and the balance upon a credit of one and two years, to be evidenced by the negotiable, interest-bearing notes of the purchaser, dated on the day of sale, payable to the undersigned commissioner in two equal installments one and two years after date respectively; or at the option of the purchaser, all of the purchase money may be paid in cash. Title to be retained until the purchase money is paid and a conveyance directed by the Court.

W. R. Saunders, Commissioner

In The Clerk's Office Of The Circuit Court Of The County Of Bedford:

John R. L. Wright and others, Plaintiffs
against
William Marcellus Wright, &c., Defendants

I, V. W. Nichols, Clerk of the said Court, do certify that the bond required of the Special Commissioner by the decree rendered in said cause on the 30th day of October, 1924, has been duly given.

Given under my hand as Clerk of the said Court, this 4th, day of November, 1924.

V. W. Nichols.

At the same time and place considerable personal property will be sold at public auction. Terms announced at sale. Sale November 22nd, 1924, 2 P.M."

In December 1924 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the commissioner filed his report of the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright:

"In the Circuit Court of Bedford County:-

Wright, John R. L. Et Als. — Commissioner's Report,
V. — December term, 1924.
Wright Wm. Marcellus Et Als.

The undersigned Commissioner, who was by a decree entered in the in the above entitled cause on the 30th day of October, 1924, directed to sell the tracts or parcels of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned and described, one containing 5 acres, 1 rod and 37 poles, and the other containing 23 acres and 1 pole after having given the bond required by said decree and, after duly advertising the time, terms and place of sale, and after having in all other respects complied with the terms of said decree, begs leave to report that on the 22nd day of November, 1924, on the premises in Bedford County, Virginia, he offered the said property for sale by way of public auction, first separately and then as a whole. The two tracts of land brought more as a whole, being purchased by G. L. Foutz at the price of $1851.00.

The said G. L. Foutz has directed the 5 acres, 1 rod and 37 poles be conveyed to C. H. Stanley; the said C. H. Stanley paid therefor the sum of $200.00 in cash, and the said G. L. Foutz paid in cash the sum of $550.33, and executed two notes, one in the sum of $550.33, and the other in the sum of $550.34, dated on the day of sale, payable to W. R. Saunders, Commissioner, in one and two years after date, respectively, with interest from date.

Your Commissioner thinks that said sale was well advertised, and the price obtained therefor was satisfactory and he recommends that the sale be confirmed.

Respectfully,
W. R. Saunders
Commissioner."

In December 1924 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the commissioner filed his accounting for the proceeds of the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright:

"Wright, John R. L. Et Als. — Commissioner's Report
V. — December Term, 1925.
Wright, Wm. Marcellus Et Als.

The undersigned Commissioner who was by a decree entered in the above entitled cause authorized to collect and disburse the money collected from the sale of land mentioned and described in the bill and proceedings makes the

following report. The purchaser of the land, one G. L. Foutz directed that a tract of 5 acres, 1 rood and 37 poles be conveyed to C. H. Stanley who paid therefor $200.00 cash.

Statement.

Nov. 22, 1924	By cash of C. H. Stanley (in full)		$200.00
Nov. 22, 1924	By cash of G. L. Foutz (One-third)		550.33
To V. W. Nichols, Clerk, deposit for costs		$10.00	
To two notices served on Mathew & James T. Carner		1.00	
To W. A. Yowell, premium on bond		10.00	
To J. Q. Atkinson, Auctioneer		5.00	
To commissions		46.02	
To taxed attorney's fee		15.00	
To mailing hand-bills, postage		2.00	
To Bedford Democrat, hand-bills, adv.		12.40	
To Bedford Bulletin, advertising		3.50	
to Copy of Will		.50	
To stamp for deed to C. H. Stanley		.50	
Jan. 6, 1925	to Wm. Marcellus Wright	99.29	
"	Sallie A. Settles	99.29	
"	J. R. L. Wright	99.29	
"	James B. H. Wright	99.29	
	Eula V. M. Baker	99.29	
"	Lura B. Wright	99.29	
"	James T. Carner	49.67	
Nov. 24, 1925	By note due Nov. 22, 1925		550.34
"	By interest on two notes		66.01
"	To tax on land sold for year 1924	14.02	
"	To W. A. Yowell, premium on bond	10.00	
Nov. 25	To Wm. Marcellus Wright	75.21	
	To Sallie A. Settles	75.21	
	To J. R. L. Wright	75.21	
	To James B. H. Wright	75.21	
	To amount in hands for heirs of Eula V. M. Baker	75.21	
	To Lura B. Wright	75.21	
	To James T. Carner	40.11	
	To balance in hand	119.99	
		$1366.71	$1366.71

Vouchers for the above mentioned collections and disbursements are herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Saunders
Commissioner."

On December 3, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the court approved the accounting of the commissioner for the proceeds of the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright:

"Wright, John R. L. Et Als.
V.
Wright, Wm. Marcellus Et Als.

Note for Decree,
December Term, 1925.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the report of W. R. Saunders, Commissioner showing collections and disbursements and vouchers for same in accordance with decree entered January 8, 1925, to which said report there were no exceptions and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth approve and confirm the said report and the disbursements therein reported in all respects and the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said W. R. Saunders be allowed a fee of $100.00 for instituting and conducting this suit.

The Court doth further approve deed to C. H. Stanley of land directed to be conveyed to him by G. L. Foutz."

On January 8, 1925, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the court confirmed the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright and that the proceeds belonged to the estate of Minerva Jane Wright:

"Wright, John R. L. Et Als.
V.
Wright, Wm. Marcellus Et Als.

Note for Decree,
December term, 1924.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of W. R. Saunders, Commissioner who was by a decree entered in said cause on the 30th day of October, 1924, directed to sell the tracts or parcels of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned and described, to-gether with hand-bill showing sale of said property to one G. L. Foutz and the collection of $750.33 of the purchase money in cash and the two deferred purchase money

notes of G. L. Foutz dated Nov. 22, 1924 in the sums of $550.34 & $550.34 and payable one and two years after date respectively, with interest from date; to which said report there are no exceptions and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, the Court doth approve and confirm the said report and the sale therein mentioned.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that W. R. Saunders, Commissioner do out of the purchase money collected by him pay the costs of this suit and distribute the balance as provided by the will filed in these proceedings, and that the said W. R. Saunders, Commissioner, do withdraw from the papers in this cause the two above mentioned deferred purchase money notes of the said G. L. Foutz and collect same as they shall respectively fall due or sooner if the said G. L. Foutz shall so elect to pay them.

The Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said W. R. Saunders be, and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner to convey unto the said G. L. Foutz or to who he may in writing direct, the said tracts or parcels of land so purchased by him by proper deed or deeds with covenants of special warranty of title when all of the purchase money shall have been paid therefor.

The Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that under the clause in the will of the said Wright H. Wright, deceased" I also will my loving wife one third of my Beaver Dam farm", that the said wife of the said Wright H. Wright, she being Minerva Jane Wright, acquired a fee simple title to a one third interest in the Beaver Dam farm."

On June 5, 1925, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 38/12 J. R. L. Wright filed his accounting for the estate of Minerva J. Wright:

"Minerva J. Wright's estate,
In account with
J. R. L. Wright, Executor.
Final Settlement.

Assets.

1923	By rent	$75.00
	" received from R. B. Dooley for tomatoes	4.80
1924	" " " O. H. Wright for corn	50.13
	" " for fodder	12.00
	" " " orchard grass seed	2.50
	" " " fodder and corn	10.00
	" " " personel property	34.65

	"	"	"	wheat	24.48
	"	"	"	bran	3.20
	"	"	"	4 barrels of corn (common)	20.00
	"	"	"	5 " " "	30.00
	"	"	"	rent	50.00
1925	"	"	"	fodder	18.00
	"	"	"	tubs of nubbens	4.00
	"	"	"	2½ tubs of corn (common)	5.00
	"	"	"	horse pasture	7.50
	"	collected note on O. H. Wright			68.97

Expenditures

To amount furnished by R. L. Wright for necessities	$17.39	
" taxes 1923	21.87	
" " 1924	7.85	
" W. H. Parker for funeral	15.00	
" John M. Okey funeral expenses	394.67	
" V. W. Nichols, Clerk, qualification costs	5.35	
By amount over-paid by administrator	51.90	
To costs of final settlement, Clerk & Commissioner	10.00	
	$472.13	$472.13

Office of Commissioner of Accounts,
Bedford Circuit Court.

To Bedford Circuit Court:

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of J. R. L. Wright, Executor of Minerva J. Wright's estate and find the same in proper form, and proper vouchers were submitted.

I further certify that I have examined the bond of J. R. L. Wright as such Executor and find the same sufficient.

I further certify that the name of said Executor was on the list of fiduciaries posted by me at the front of the Court House of Bedford County on the first Monday in May 1925, and more than ten days having elapsed since such posting, this account is returned for filing and record.

Given under my hand as Commissioner of Accounts of Bedford Circuit Court, this 5th day of June 1925.

E. C. Burks,
Commissioner of Accounts

Virginia:
In Bedford Circuit Court Clerk's Office June 5th 1925.

This Settlement of the account of J. R. L. Wright, Exor. of Minerva J. Wright, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts annexed, was this day filed in said office.

Teste:
V. W. Nichols, Clerk.

Virginia: At Bedford Circuit Court, July 16, 1925.

This settlement of the account of J. R. L. Wright, Exor. of Minerva J. Wright, with the certificate of the Commissioner of Accounts of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, annexed, having lain in the Clerk's Office of this Court for more than one month, was produced in Court, and no exception having been taken thereto, it was examined by the Court as prescribed by Section 5428 of the Code, is confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
V. W. Nichols, Clerk."

In January 1927 at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441, the commissioner filed his accounting for the collection of the purchase price for the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright:

"Wright, John R. L. Et Als. — Commissioner's Report,
V. — January Term, 1927.
Wright, Wm. Marcellus Et Als.

The undersigned commissioner who was by a decree, entered in the above entitled cause authorized to collect and disburse the money collected from the sale of land mentioned and described in the bill and proceedings, makes the following final report. He has collected the balance due on account of land purchased by G. L. Foutz and reports his receipts and disbursements as follows:

By balance on hand, Nov. 25, 1925	$119.99
" " of G. L. Foutz, principal and interest	553.32

To State tax on suit		$1.50
" balance due as attorney's fee		85.00
" Sheriff of Bedford		.50
" V. W. Nichols, Clerk, balance due		1.63
" tax on note		2.50
" fee for deed to G. L. Foutz		10.00
" William Marcellus Wright		92.65
" Sallie A. Settles		92.65
" J. R. L. Wright		92.65
" James B. H. Wright		92.65
" Eula V. M. Baker		92.65
" Lura B. Wright		92.65
" James T. Carner		46.31
	703.31	703.31

Your Commissioner reports that he has executed the deed to G. L. Foutz and that all of the objects for which this suit was instituted having been accomplished that the same should be stricken from the docket.

Respectfully submitted,
W R Saunders
Commissioner"

On January 21, 1927, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court Order Book 24/143 the court approved the report of the commissioner for the sale of real property:

"John R. L. Wright and Others, Plaintiffs,
against
William Marcellus Wright and Others, Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read and on the final report of W. R. Saunders, Commissioner, and it appearing to the Court that said report is in due form and that all the funds that have come into the hands of W. R. Saunders, Commissioner have been properly disbursed, and that Matthew F. Carner is not entitled to any part of the proceeds, and that W. R. Saunders, Commissioner, has executed and delivered deed to the property purchased by the said G. L. Foutz, who had paid for the same in full, the Court doth adjudge order and decree that said report in all respects be approved and confirmed; and it appearing to the court that all of the objects for which said suit was instituted having been accomplished it is ordered that the same be stricken from the docket. And the Court does hereby release W. R. Saunders Commissioner and his surety, from the bond given in the above entitled cause."

In her letter dated September 11, 1984, Mrs. Paulette Wilson enclosed a copy of a statement prepared by Mrs. N. A. McManaway, a daughter of Peter Meador Wright, Sr:

> "Our Great-Grandmother Holland's maiden name was Meador. Her daughter Nancy Holland married Matthew Wright. From this union Sprang Jane, Peter Meador, Mary, and Joseph Pate, Millie, Nancy, John Asher, Lydia, Julia and Wright Holland.
>
> Jane married Valentine Campor, Peter Meador married Susan James. Mary married Wilson Meador. Joseph P. wed Eliza Adams. Nancy wed Francis Johnson. John A. wed Libby Craft. Lydia wed John Compton. Julia wed Isiah Compton. Wright H. wed June Burford, (she bore him five children and died). Later he married Minerva Foutz. Aunt Millie died a maid. The others each raised a family.
>
> The foregoing was written by Mrs. N. A. McManaway for Mrs. S. J. Basham"

Our Kin stated that Rite H. Wright was a son of Matthew Wright and Nancy (____) Wright, was born on July 30, 1820, married first Jane Burford, and married second Minerva Foutz.

In her email dated April 20, 1997, Beckie Rawdon stated that Cleopatra Patricia A. Wright was a daughter of Wright H. Wright.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that Wright Holland Wright was a son Matthew Wright, was born on July 30, 1920, at Bedford County, Virginia, married first Mary Jane Burford on February 24, 1842, at Amherst County, Virginia, married second Manerva Jane Foutz on January 19, 1864, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on June 21, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the Wright-Baker Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, that Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright was born on September 19, 1841, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on November 19, 1923, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the Wright-Baker Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and that Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright had the following children:

1) ____ Wright, born in 1843 @ Bedford County, Virginia,
2) John M. Wright, born in 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) William "Marcellus" Wright, born in 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Oscar A. Wright, born in 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

5) Sarah Ann "Sally" (Wright) Settles, born in May 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

that Wright Holland Wright and Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright had the following children:

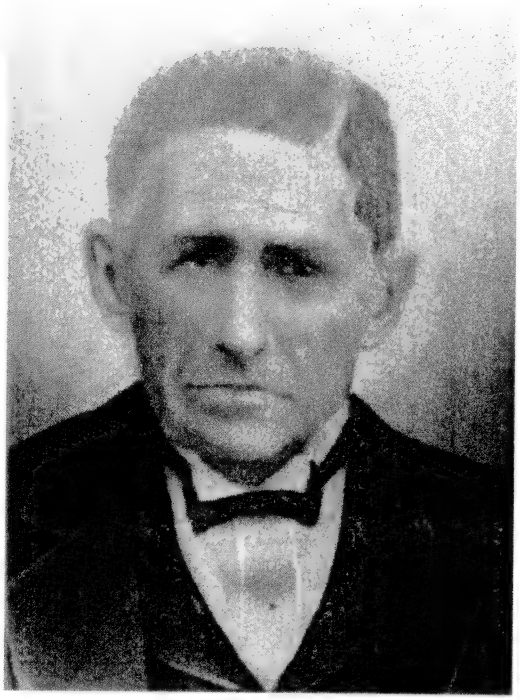
1) John "Rufus" Luther Wright, born about 1867,

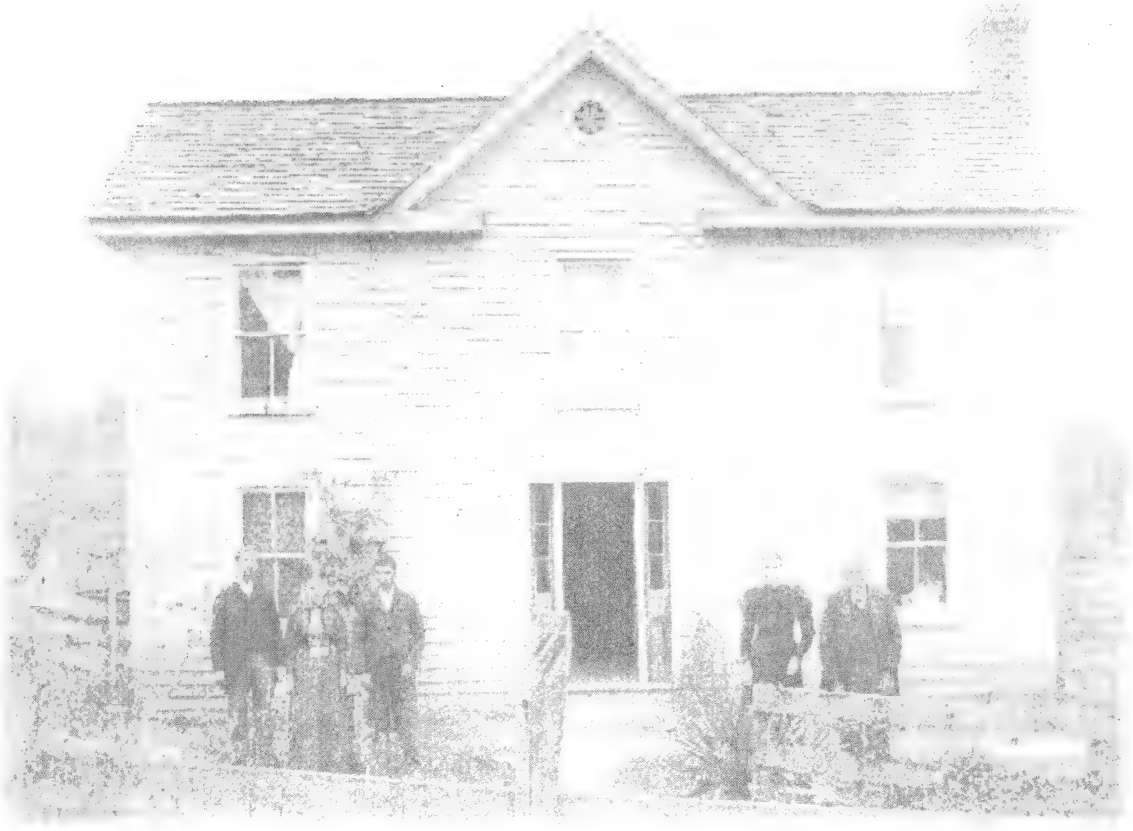
2) James "Bruce" Holland Wright, born about 1869,

3) Eula Viola May (Wright) Baker, born on December 25, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) Lura "Bernice" (Wright) Moran, born on March 4, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 12, 2002, Melissa Foutz enclosed photographs of Wright Holland Wright, Manerva Jane (Foutz) Wright, and their residence in 1895, copies of which appear on the following page:





From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright were the following:

1) Sally P. A. (Wright) Carner, born about 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) John M. Wright, born about 1845 or 1846 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) William Marcellus Wright, born on November 22, 1846, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Oscar A. Wright, born about 1848 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Sarah "Sally" Ann (Wright) Settles, born about 1850 or May 5, 1850, at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and

6) ____ Wright, born in June 1853, and

the children of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Minerva Jane (Foutz or Fouts) Wright were the following:

1) John Rufus L. Wright, born about 1866 or 1867 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) James Bruce Holland Wright, born about 1869 at Virginia,

3) Eula V. M. (Wright) Baker, born about 1871 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) Lara or Lura B. (Wright) Moran, born about 1873 at Virginia.

i. <u>Sally P. A. Or Allie Patria Or Cleopatra Patricia A. (Wright) Carner, Her Husband James S. Carner, And Her Descendants</u>

Sally P. A. or Allie Patria or Cleopatra Patricia A. (Wright) Carner was a daughter of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sally P. Wright in the Right Right household and her age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

The marriage bond of S. P. A. Wright and James S. Carner was dated November 25, 1858, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"To the clerk of the County Court of Bedford in the State of Virginia

I hereby certify that the following is a correct statement of a marriage solemized by me in the county aforesaid:

Date of Marriage November 25th 1858
Place of Marriage Bedford Co. Va.
Full Names of Parties James S. Carner to S P A Wright
Condition Both single
Age of Husband 24 years
Age of Wife 15 years
Place of Husbands birth Bedford Co Va
Place of Wifes birth Bedford Co Va
Place of Husbands Residence Bedford Co Va
Place of Wifes Residence Bedford Co Va
Names Husbands Parents Elijah & Elizabeth Carner
Names Wifes Parents Wright H & Mary Jane Wright
Ocupation of Husband Farmer

Given under my hand as a minister of the Gospel legally authorized to solemnize marriages this 10th day of December 1858

Thos N Sanderson"

On about August 20, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, Chancery Court File 5441 a complaint was filed for the sale of the land of Wright H. Wright in which Allie Patria Carner was identified as a child of Wright H. Wright:

"To the Honorable Judge P. H. Dillard, Judge of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, Virginia:

Your complainants, John R. L. Wright, James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker and Laura B. Wright respectfully show unto your honor the following facts:

That their father Wright H. Wright, late of the County of Bedford, on or about the __ day of ____, in the year 1899, died seized and possessed of considerable real and personal estate, leaving surviving him a widow, Minerva Jane Wright; six children, your complainants, Sallie A. Settles and Wm. Marcellus Wright; two grand children, children of James S. and Allie Patria Carner, (said James S. and Allie Patria Carner are both deceased), the names of said grand children being Matthew F. and James T. Carner.
. . . ."

This record identifies Allie Patria (Wright) Carner as a daughter of Wright H. Wright and indicates that she married James S. Carner and died before about August 20, 1924, and that Allie Patria (Wright) Carner and James S. Carner had the following children:

1) Matthew F. Carner, and

2) James T. Carner.

In her email dated April 20, 1997, Beckie Rawdon stated that Cleopatra Patricia A. Wright was a daughter of Wright H. Wright and married James S. Carner, that James S. Carner was a son of Elijah C. and Elizabeth Huddleton Carner, and that Cleopatra Patricia A. (Wright) Carner and James S. Carner had the following children:

1) Matthew F. Carner, born in 1861 at Bedford County, Virginia, and

2) Tyler Carner.

The Tyler Carner would be the James T. Carner of the Chancery Court file.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that ____ Wright was a daughter of Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright, was born in 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married James S. Carner and that ____ (Wright) Carner and James S. Carner had the following children:

1) James Carner, and

2) Matthew Carner.

ii. <u>John M. Wright</u>

John M. Wright was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John M. Wright in the Right Right household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. M. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as 14 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

On May 31, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 63/519 John M. Wright, Jr., sold 33 1/3 acres of land to Thomas S. Fouts:

> "This Deed made this the 31st day of May 1889 Between John M Wright Jr. of the First part and Thomas S. Fouts of the second part Witnesseth That for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and Twenty Five Dollars paid to the said J. M. Wright Jr. party of the First part By T. S. Fouts party of the second part the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the party of the First part doth grant unto the party of the second part and Doth By these Presents Bargain sell and Convey with General Warranty a certain tract or parcel of Land situate and Being in the County of Bedford and bounded as follows commencing at Mrs. L. Haldrons spring thence up the branch to Elm Thence to Sourwood in Mrs Fouts line Thence with Fouts line to chestnut Thence with same to corner Rock in J. T. St Clairs line Thence with St Clairs line to corner sasafras with Mrs Haldron Thence with her line to Beginning it being a portion of a tract of Land conveyed to J. M. Wright J. By Graham Claytor as Comr, and J. M. Jeter and J. M. Wright By Deed as of the 30th day of May 1889 containing 33-1/3 Acres Be the same more or less Witness the following signature and seal.
>
> John M. Wright
>
> State of Virginia
> County of Bedford To wit
>
> I, Charles O Graham a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do Certify that John M Wright Jr. whose name is signed to the writing above Bearing date on the 31st day of May 1889 has acknowledged the same Before me in my County aforesaid given under my hand this the 31st day of May 1889.
>
> Charles O Graham N.P.

At Bedford County Court, November 25th 1889.

This Deed from John M Wright Jr. to Thomas S. Fouts, conveying real estate, was produced in Court, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ro. S. Quarles C.BC."

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that John M. Wright was a son of Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright and was born in 1845 at Bedford County, Virginia.

iii. 1930 William Marcellus Wright Of McPherson County, Kansas, His Wife Sarah Ann (West) Wright, And His Descendants

1930 William Marcellus Wright of McPherson County, Kansas, was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William Wright in the Right Right household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1846.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. M. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

The death record of William M. Wright was dated in June 1864 at Louisa Court House and recorded in Bedford County, Virginia:

"Name in Full: William M. Wright
Date of Death: June 1864
Place of Death: Louisa Ct. House
Cause of Death: Killed
Age: 19
Names of Parents: Wm. H. & Jane Wright
Where Born: Bedford
Occupation: Soldier
Status: Unmarried

Name of Informant: S. D. Peterson
Designation of Informant: Friend"

This turned out to be a false report, as the following marriage certificate makes clear.

The marriage license of William M. Wright and Sarah A. West was dated on December 19, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License.

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia William M. Wright and Sarah A. West

Given under my hand, as Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 19th day of December 1870.

J. G. Wingfield, Deputy Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License,

Time of Marriage, December 22nd 1870
Place of Marriage, Bedford County, Virginia
Full Names of Parties Married, William M. Wright & Sarah A. West
Age of Husband, 24 years
Age of Wife, 24 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County Virginia
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County Virginia
Names of Husband's Parents, Wright H. & Jane Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Evan J. & Jane M. West
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 19th day of December 1870

J G. Wingfield, Deputy Clerk.

Minister's Return of Marriage.

I Certify, that on the 22 day of December 1870, at J J Wests I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

G Wheeler"

The birth record of James C. Wright was dated on December 1, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	James C. Wright
Date of Birth:	December 1, 1874
Place of Birth:	Lisbon District
Parents:	William M. & Sarah A. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on August 4, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	August 4, 1878
Sex:	Male
Place of Birth:	Blue Ridge District
Parents:	William M. & Sarah A. Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Informant:	Father"

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed William M. Wright with the following household:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
William M. Wright	W	M	34		
Sarah H. Wright	W	F	35		Wife
Isaac L. H. Wright	W	M	7		Son
James C. Wright	W	M	5		Son
Totchey Wright	W	M	1		Son

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping house		
S				
S				
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
1			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

This record indicates that William M. Wright was born in about 1846 and that Sarah H. Wright was born in about 1845.

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed Wm. Marcellus Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

On February 19, 1900, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 78/549 W. Marcellus Wright and Sarah Wright sold their interest in the estate of Wright H. Wright to James C. Wright:

"Deed Warranty

This Indenture, made this 19th day of February A.D. 1900, between W. Marcellus Wright and Sarah Wright his wife, of McPherson County, in the State of Kansas, of the first part, and James C Wright, of McPherson Kansas, the second part.

Witnesseth, That, whereas Wright H. Wright of Bedford County, in the State of Virginia, deceased, did in his last will and testament devise to the party of the first part certain property being and lying in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia. Said property being an undivided interest in the estate both real and personal of the said Wright H. Wright deceased, and the said party of the second part having purchased the said undivided interest of the first part now this deed Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and twenty five Dollars ($225.00) Cash in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties of the first part, do by these presents, Grant Bargain, Sell and convey with general warranty of title, unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all, their undivided interest in the estate of Wright H. Wright as set forth in the will of the said Wright H. Wright Deceased, on record at the County Clerks office at Bedford City Bedford County Virginia

The parties of the first part covenant that they have the right to convey the said land to the Grantee, that they have done no act to encumber the same, and that they will execute such further assurances of the title as may be requisite

Witness the fowing Signatures and Seals day and date above written.

W. Marcellus Wright
Sarah Wright

State of Kansas)
County of McPherson) SS.

I G. F. Grattan a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid, in the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that W. Marcellus Wright and Sarah Wright husband and wife whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 19th day of February 1900, have acknowledged the same before me in my County of McPherson and State of Kansas, aforesaid (and all erasures were made before signing)

Given under my hand, the 19 day of February A.D. 1900.

My term expires
Mch 7 1902

G. F. Grattan
Notary Public

At Bedford County Court, March 5th, 1900

This Deed from W. Marcellus Wright and Sarah Wright, his wife, to James C. Wright, conveying interest in real estate and personal property, being produced in Court, certified, and stamped with Fifty cents United States Internal Revenue Stamp, canceled, is ordered to be recorded.

Teste:
S. M. Bolling, C.B.C."

In his letter dated August 20, 1977, Norman L. Sawyer enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Marcellus Wright was a son of Wright H. Wright and Jane (Burford) Wright, was born on November 22, 1846, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, married Sarah Ann West on December 22, 1870, moved to McPherson County, Kansas, in September 1883, that Sarah Ann (West) Wright was born on August 20, 1845 at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, and died on February 19, 1929, at McPherson, McPherson County, Kansas, and that they had the following children:

1) Isaac Linwood Holland Wright, born on January 19, 1873, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia,

2) James Clifton Wright, born on November 17, 1874, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia,

3) William Totchie Wright, born on August 4, 1878, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John Ulla Wright, born on January 31, 1883, at Stewartsville, Bedford County, Virginia, and

5) Ossa Jane Wright, born on April 16, 1886, at McPherson, Kansas.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that William "Marcellus" Wright was a son of Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright, was born in 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, married Sarah Ann West, and died in 1930 at McPherson County, Kansas.

iv. 1853 Oscar A. Wright Of Bedford County

1853 Oscar A. Wright of Bedford County was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Osca A. Wright in the Right Right household and his age as 2 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

The death record of Oscar A. Wright was dated March 31, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"Name in Full: Oscar Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: March 31, 1853
Place of Death: Bedford Co Va
Age: 4 Years
Names of Parents: Wright H & Mary Jane Wright"

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that Oscar A. Wright was a son of Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright and was born in 1848 at Bedford County, Virginia.

v. Sarah "Sally" Ann (Wright) Settles, Her Husband Francis Otey Settles, And Her Descendants

Sarah "Sally" Ann (Wright) Settles was a daughter of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah A. Wright in the Right Right household and her age as 6 months and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in 1850.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed S. A. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1850.

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah A. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and her age as 20 and born in Virginia.

The marriage license of Sallie A. Wright and Francis O. Settles was dated on February 17, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Francis O. Settles and Sallie A. Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford this 17 day of February 1879

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, February 21st 1877
Place of Marriage, Bedford County, Va
Full names of Parties Married, Francis O. Settles & Sallie A. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 28 years
Age of Wife, 27 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford County, Virginia
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford County, Virginia
Names of Husband's Parents, Clark & Martha Settles
Names of Wife's Parents, Wright H. & Jane Wright
Occupation of Husband, Shoemaker

Given under my hand this 17th day of February 1877

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify that on the 21st day of February 1877, at Wm M. Wrights I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

G Wheeler"

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed Sallie A. Settles as one of his children:

". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

In her letter dated November 1, 1986, Doris C. Hardwick stated that Sallie Ann Wright was a daughter of Wright H. Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright, was born on May 5, 1850, married Francis Otey Settle on February 21, 1877, and died on August 27, 1927, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Francis Otey Settle was born on May 11, 1847, and died on August 8, 1921, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that they had the following child:

1) Pearl Estelle (Settle) Brown, born on July 23, 1880.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that Sarah Ann "Sally" Wright was a daughter of Wright Holland Wright and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright, was born in May 1850 at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Frances Otey Settles and that Sarah Ann (Wright) Settles and Frances Otey Settles had the following child:

1) Pearl (Settles) Brown.

vi. ____Wright

____ Wright was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and Mary Jane (Burford) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on May 25, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	May 25, 1853
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Father's Name:	Wright H. Wright
Mother's Name:	Mary Jane Wright"

The death record of ____ Wright was dated on August 1, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"Name in Full: ____ Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Date of Death: Aug 1, 1853
Place of Death: Bedford Co Va
Age: 2 Months
Names of Parents: Wright H & Mary Jane Wright"

vii. John James Buford Or Rufus Lee Wright, His Wife Blanche M. (Gaines) Wright, And His Descendants

John James Buford or Rufus Lee Wright was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and his second wife Minerva Jane (Foutz) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated in June 1866 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	June 1866
Color:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	Alive
Place of Birth:	Bedford

Father's Name:	Wm H Wright
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Father's Residence:	Bedford
Mother's Name:	Minerva J. Wright
No. at Birth:	1
Relation of Informant:	Father"

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John R. L. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as 4 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1866.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John R. L. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1867.

On May 9, 1896, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 46/78 J. R. L. Wright filed a lien on a colt:

> "The following Lien is recorded in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia in force March 28 1892 entitled an act for the protection of stockbreeders and owners of licensed Stallions
>
> The owner J R L Wright of a stallion against Isham Ames. The owner of the foal claims a lien on a Colt less than six months old for Five Dollars for the 9th thereof
>
> Virginia.
> In Franklin County Court Clerk's Office the 9" day of May 1896
>
> The foregoing Lien was this day entered of record
>
> Teste,
> Jas. J Carper Clerk"

The marriage license of John R. L. Wright and Blanche M. Gaines was dated on November 23, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the parties:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, John R. L. Wright and Blanche M Gaines

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County this 23rd day of November 1896

R. D. Buford Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, November 25th, 1896
Place of Marriage, Bedford County, Va
Full names of Parties Married, John R L Wright and Blanche M. Gaines
Color, White
Age of Husband, 30 years
Age of Wife, 21 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co., Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co., Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co., Va
Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co., Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Wright H. & Minerva Wright
Names of Wife's Parents, Robert H. and Maggie Gaines
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 23rd day of November, 1896

R. D. Buford, Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify that on the 25th day of November 1896, in Bedford Co Va I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

R. A. Lee Minister"

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed John R. S. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

The 1900 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John R. L. Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
Street	House Number			
		152	152	John R. L. Wright Blanche Wright Wyatty Q Wright

Relation	Personal Description					
Relation-ship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Sep	1866	33	M
Wife	W	F	Jun	1875	24	M
Son	W	M	Apr	1900	1/12	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
4			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
4	1	1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.	Education	
Year of immigration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Naturalization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	
Yes	Yes	Yes				

This record indicates that John Rufus Lee Wright was born in September 1866 and that Blanche M. (Gaines) Wright was born in June 1875.

In her email dated March 7, 2001, Melissa Foutz stated that the 1910 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rufus Wright with the following household:

Name	Relationship	Age	Born
Rufus Wright		44	Virginia
Blanche Wright	Wife	32	Virginia
Wyatt Wright	Son	10	Virginia
Noel Wright	Son	7	Virginia
Marshall Wright	Son	6	Virginia
Dorris Wright	Daughter	1	Virginia

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated on October 21, 1913, at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	October 21, 1913
County:	Bedford
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Sex:	Boy
Father's Name:	John James Buford Lee Wright
Father's Residence:	Bedford Co
Father's Color:	White
Age of Father:	40
Father's Birthplace:	Bedford Co
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Mother's Maiden Name:	Ella Blanche Gains
Mother's Residence:	Bedford Co
Mother's Age:	35
Mother's Birthplace:	Bedford County
Mother's Occupation:	Housewife
Born:	Alive
Time:	4 AM
Physician:	C. C Richards
Address:	Stewartsville
Filed:	Nov 10, 1913
Registrar:	S H Dooly"

On May 6, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 37/448 a list of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright was filed listing J. Rufus L. Wright as her son, age 57, and then resident at Stewartsville, Virginia.

On June 5, 1925, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 38/12 J. R. L. Wright filed his accounting as executor of the estate of Minerva J. Wright.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that John "Rufus" Luther Wright was a son of Wright Holland Wright and Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright, was born in 1867, married Blanche M. Gaines, and died in August 1947 and that John "Rufus" Luther Wright and Blanche M. (Gaines) Wright had the following children:

1) Marshall Wright,
2) Doris Wright,
3) Ashby Wright,
4) Wyatt Lee Wright, born on April 6, 1900, and
5) Noel Garland Wright, born on April 26, 1902.

In her email dated February 12, 2002, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of Rufus Wright and Blanche (Gaines) Wright, a copy of which appears on the following page:

viii. James Bruce Holland Wright, His Wife Ada (McGeorge) Wright, And His Descendants

James Bruce Holland Wright was a son of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and his second wife Minerva Jane (Foutz) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1870 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James B. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1869.

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James B. H. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and his age as unclear but probably 11 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1869.

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed James B. H. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

In her email dated March 7, 2001, Melissa Foutz stated that the 1910 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Bruce Wright with the following household:

Name	Relationship	Age	Born
Bruce Wright		41	Virginia
Ada Wright	Wife	35	Virginia
Lois Wright	Daughter	1	Virginia

The death record of ____ Wright, daughter of James Bruce Holland Wright and Ada (McGeorge) Wright was dated on November 20, 1913, at Bedford County, Virginia:

"County of Bedford
District of Chamblissburg
Full Name: ____ Wright
Sex: Girl
Race: White
Marital Status: Single
Date of Birth: Nov 9, 1913
Age: 11 ds
Occupation: None
Birthplace: Bedford Co Va
Name of Father: James Bruce Holland Wright
Birthplace of Father: Bedford Co Va
Maiden Name of Mother: Ada McGeorge
Birthplace of Mother: Bedford Co Va
Date of Death: Nov 20, 1913

I Hereby Certify, That I attended deceased from ____, 191_, to ____, 191_ that I last saw h__ alive on Nov 9, 1913 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at __ .m. The cause of death was as follows: Never saw the care

Contributory: Do not know

C. C. Richards M.D.
Stewartsville

Place of Burial or Removal: At home"

This record identifies Ada McGeorge as the wife of James Bruce Holland Wright.

The birth record of ____ Wright was dated in January 1914 at Bedford County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Name of Child:	____ Wright
Date of Birth:	January, 1914
County:	Bedford
Place of Birth:	Chamblissburg District
Sex:	Girl
Legitimate:	Yes
Father's Name:	James Bruce William Wright
Father's Residence:	Bedford Co
Father's Color:	White
Age of Father:	45
Father's Birthplace:	Bedford Co Va
Father's Occupation:	Farmer
Mother's Maiden Name:	Ada McGeorge

Mother's Residence:	Bedford Co
Mother's Color:	White
Mother's Age:	39
Mother's Birthplace:	Bedford Co Va
Mother's Occupation:	House Keeper
No. children born to Mother:	2
Born:	Alive
Time:	9 AM
Physician:	C C Richards MD
Address:	Stewartsville
Filed:	Jan 7, 1914
Registrar:	S. H. Dooly"

On May 6, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 37/448 a list of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright was filed listing J. Bruce H. Wright as her son, age 55, and then resident at Vinton, Virginia.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that James "Bruce" Holland Wright was a son of Wright Holland Wright and Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright, was born in about 1869, married Ada McGeorge, died in 1952, and was buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Roanoke County, Virginia, that Ada (McGoerge) Wright died on December 28, 1848 and was buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Roanoke County, Virginia, and that James "Bruce" Holland Wright and Ada (McGeorge) Wright had the following children:

1) ____ Wright, and

2) ____ Wright.

In her email dated February 12, 2002, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of Bruce Wright and Ada (McGeorge) Wright, a copy of which appears on the following page:

ix. Eula Viola May (Wright) Baker And Her Husband Abram Burrell Baker

Eula Viola May (Wright) Baker was a daughter of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and his second wife Minerva Jane (Foutz) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Eula V. M. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and her age as 9 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1871.

The marriage license of Eula V. M. Wright and Abram B. Barker was dated on May 28, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"Marriage License

Virginia, Bedford County to wit:
To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Abram B. Baker and Eula V. M. Wright

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of Bedford County this 28th day of May 1889

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Certificate to Obtain a Marriage License.

Time of Marriage, May 30th, 1889
Place of Marriage, Bedford Co., Va
Full names of Parties Married, Abram B. Baker and
Eula V. M. Wright
Color, White
Age of Husband, 41 years
Age of Wife, 18 years
Condition of Husband (widowed or single) Single
Condition of Wife (widowed or single) Single
Place of Husband's Birth, Bedford Co., Va
Place of Wife's Birth, Bedford Co., Va
Place of Husband's Residence, Bedford Co., Va

Place of Wife's Residence, Bedford Co., Va
Names of Husband's Parents, Harvey and Elizabeth Baker
Names of Wife's Parents, Wright H. and Mary Wright
Occupation of Husband, Farmer

Given under my hand this 28th day of May, 1889

Ro. S. Quarles, Clerk.

Minister's Return Of Marriage

I Certify that on the 30th day of May 1889, at Mr. Wright H Wrights I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

G Wheeler"

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed Eula V. M. Baker as one of his children:

". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

On May 6, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 37/448 a list of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright was filed listing Eula B. M. Baker as her daughter, age 53, and then resident at Vinton, Virginia.

In her email dated March 7, 2001, Melissa Foutz stated that the 1910 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Abraham Baker with the following household:

Name	Relationship	Age	Born
Abraham Baker		42	Virginia
Eula Baker	Wife	39	Virginia
Hubert Baker	Son	19	Virginia
Verna Baker	Daughter	17	Virginia
James Baker	Son	14	Virginia
Ila Baker	Daughter	8	Virginia
Ida Baker	Daughter	1	Virginia

The listing of the age as 42 is probably incorrect and should be 62.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that Eula Viola May Wright was a daughter of Wright Holland Wright and Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright, was born on December 25, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Abraham Burrell Bker on May 30, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on January 15, 1925, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the Wright-Baker Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, that Abraham Burrell Baker was born on April 9, 1848, at Bedford County, Virginia, died on May 19, 1942, at Bedford County, Virginia, and was buried at the Wright-Baker Cemetery, Bedford County, Virginia, and that Eula Viola May (Wright) Baker and Abraham Burrell Baker had the following children:

1) Hubert Burnes Baker, born on July 19, 1890, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Verna May (Baker) (Waldron) Meador, born on May 2, 1892, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) James "Holland" Baker, born on December 7, 1896, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Ila Bernice (Baker) Foutz, born on February 19, 1902, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

5) Ida Hazeltine (Baker) Lawhorn, born on May 25, 1908, at Bedford County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 12, 2002, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of Eula (Wright) Baker and Abram Burrell Baker, a copy of which appears on the following page:

x. Lara Or Lura Bernice (Wright) Moran And Her Husband John Moran

Lara Or Lura Bernice (Wright) Moran was a daughter of 1899 Wright Holland Wright of Bedford County and his second wife Minerva Jane (Foutz) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1841 Matthew[3], 1899 Wright Holland[4])

The 1880 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Lura B. Wright in the Wright H. Wright household and her age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1873.

The will of Wright H. Wright dated September 15, 1897, and probated on June 26, 1899, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 30/371 listed Lura B. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Secondly one third of my home tract of land containing ninty one acres, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva Jane as long as she lives my widow and then to my heirs equally; consisting of Wm. Marcellus Wright of Kansas Sallie A. Settles of Bedford John R. S. Wright James B. H. Wright, Eula V. M. Baker Sura B. Wright of the same county being my children and also Mathers Carner and James T. Carner my grand children, shall have one share between them; said Mathew F. Carner to pay to my estate two hundred dollars before he gets any thing. . . ."

In her email dated March 7, 2001, Melissa Foutz stated that the 1910 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed John Moran with the following household:

Name	Relationship	Age	Born
John Moran		31	Virginia
Lura Moran	Wife	37	Virginia
Minerva Wright	Mother-in-law	69	Virginia

On May 6, 1924, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 37/448 a list of the heirs of Manerva J. Wright was filed listing Lura B. Moran as her daughter, age 50, and then resident at Stewartsville, Virginia.

In her email dated June 22, 2000, Melissa Foutz enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lura "Bernice" Wright was a daughter of Wright Holland Wright and Manerva Jane (Fouts) Wright, was born on March 4, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, married John Moran, and died on July 7, 1933, at Bedford County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 12, 2002, Melissa Foutz enclosed a photograph of Lura Bernice (Wright) Moran and John Moran, a copy of which appears on the following page:

12. 1855 Wright Or Rite Wright Of Franklin County, His Non-Wife Mary "Polley" Meador, His Wife Mary "Polly" (Scott) Wright, And His Descendants

1855 Wright or Rite Wright of Franklin County was a son of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County and his second wife Judith (Pate) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2])

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household on August 21:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males Over 16	Blacks above 12 Years old	Blacks above 16 Years old
Aug 21	Wright Wright	1		

				Carriage Wheels		
Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Barouches Chariots & Post Chaises	Other rideing 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding carriages with 2 wheels
1						

This record indicates that Wright Wright was born before August 21, 1787.

The 1803 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household on August 20, 1803:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No. of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
Aug 20	Wright Wright	1			2

Ordinary License	Stud Horses	Rate of Covering by the Season	Coaches Chariots &c	Other riding 4 Wheel Carriages	Riding Chaises &c

The 1804 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household on July 28:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With The Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
July 28	Wright Wright	1			2

Ordinary Licence	Stud Horses	Rates of Covering by the season	Coaches Chariots &c	other Riding 4 Wheel riding Carriages	Chairs &c	

On October 1, 1804, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 5/6 Wright Wright purchased 250 acres of land from Joel and Sarah Meador:

> "This Indenture made this 1st day of October, one thousand eight hundred and four between Joel Meador and Sarah his wife of Franklin County of the one part & Wright Wright of Bedford County of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Joel Meador and Sarah ___ his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Wright Wright, the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained, and sold, and by these Presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Wright Wright, his heirs and assigns forever, one certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in Franklin County, containing Two hundred and fifty one acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows, to wit, Beginning at a Red oak in George Cliborne's Line, and with John Meadors Line So. 34 E. 198 poles crossing Indian Run to a Locust in John Saunder's Line, and along his line No. 30 E. 112 poles to Indian Run thence down the same as it meanders to Jesse Meador's Line, and along the same No. 30. E. 42. poles to a Red Oak in Pucket's old Line, and with the same No. 5 W. 112. poles to a white oak in Hall's Line, and with it So. 65. W. 234. poles crossing Two small Branches to a Poplar

on a small Hill, So. 25. W. 20 poles to Pointer, So. 35. W. 18. poles to a white oak in Clyberne's Line, and along his Line So. 53. W. 20. poles to the Beginning, together with all the priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining: To have and to hold the aforesaid Tract or parcel of Land unto him the said Wright Wright, his heirs and assigns for ever, and they the ___ Joel Meador and Sarah his wife, do by these Presents warrant and for ever defend the said granted Land and premises free from the just Claims or demands of them, or their heirs, or every other person or persons whomsoever. In Witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands and seals, date above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of

Joel his X mark Medders

Sarah his X mark Meddors

At a Court for Franklin County at the Courthouse the first day of October 1804

This Indenture of bargain and sale between Joel Meador and Sarah his wife of the one part, and Wright Wright of the other part, was acknowledged by the said Joel Meador and Sarah his wife, the said Sarah being first privily examined according to Law, voluntarily relinquished her right of dower in and to the Land and premises conveyed by the said Indenture which is ordered to be recorded.

teste,
James Callaway C.FC"

The 1805 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household on March 25:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargable with the Tax	No of White Males above 16	Blacks above 12 years old	Blacks above 16 years old
March 25	Wright Wright	1		

Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Other Taxable Property
1	

The 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, did not list a Wright Wright, but the 1806 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

date of B under Receiving Lists	Persons Names Owning Property	White tithes	B: Over 16	16 & over 12
May 24	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	Studs	Rate per Season	Merchant License	Tax
1	-	-	-	- 12

This record reflects the move of Wright Wright from Bedford County to Franklin County.

The 1806 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres Land	Amt of One Acre D C	Total Amount of Valuation D C	Tax D C
Wright Wright	251	1.13	283.68	1.30

This record reflects the purchase of 250 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 5/431.

The 1807 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amt of One Acre	Total Amount of Valuation	Tax
Wright Wright	251	1.13	283.68	1.36

On January 4, 1808, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 5/431 Right Wright purchased a further 113 acres of land from John Hall:

> "This Indenture made this 4th day January Eighteen hundred and eight I John Hall of Franklin County of the one part and Right Wright of the said County of the other party Witnesseth the said John Hall for and in consideration of the sum of forty three pounds Current money of Virginia in Hand paid by the said Right Wright the Recpt whereof the said John Hall doth hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents doth bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Right Wright his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Franklin containing one hundred and thirteen acres by survey and bounded as followers (to wit) Begining at Cliborn white oak corner No. 57 [or 52] W 88 poles to a white oak No 73 E 18 poles to a Chesnut No 51 E 254 poles to pointers. Puckits Corner from thence along his line South 23 E 66 poles to a white oak, South 52 W 244 poles to a poper, South 23 East 40 poles to the Begining. To have and to hold the said bargaind Land and premises from me and my heirs and assigns forever, and I John Hall do warrants and forever defend, unto the said Right Wright his heirs or assigns, hath hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.
>
> John Hall
>
> At a Court held for Franklin County January 4th 1808
>
> This Indenture of bargain and sale between John Hall of the one part and Right Wright of the other part was acknowledged by the said John Hall and ordered to be Recorded
>
> Teste
> James Callaway CFC"

The 1809 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

date of Rec Lists	Persons Names that own Property	Whites	B over 16	Blacks over 12
	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
2	-	-	-	- 24

The 1809 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Acres	Amt of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Wright Wright	251	1.13	283.68	1.36
Same	113	.25	28.25	0.14

This record reflects the purchase of 113 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 5/431.

The marriage record of Wright Wright and Polly Scott, daughter of Jane, was dated on February 9, 1809, at Franklin County, Virginia, with James B. Scott as surety:

"this may Sereve to Sertify that I am perfectly willing that Licence Should be issued to Autherrise a Selebration of Marriage between My Daughter Polley Scott and Rite Wright Given from under my hand this 9 Day of February 1809

Test
James B Scott

his
James X Scott
mark

Know all Men by these Presents that We Rite Wright & James B Scott are held & firmly bound unto John Tyler Esqr Governor of the Comm Wealth of Virginia in the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Governor & his successors We bind ourselves & each of us, our and each of our heirs executors & administrators jointly & Severally firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals & dated this 9th day of February 1809

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marraige shortly intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound Wright Wright and Polly Scott

Now if there shall be no Lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force & Virtue

Witness
C. Tate DC

Rite Wright
James B Scott"

In March 1809 at Franklin County, Virginia, Court Order Book 5/255 the following entry was recorded:

"March 1809 - Right Wright who was bound in Recognizance to appear here today on the compaint of Polley Meador to give Security or to abide by any order which the court should make, touching his being the father of two Bastard Children charged to have been begotten by him on the said Polley Meador, was thrice solemnly called, but came not."

The case must have caught the interest of the clerk because at page 257 the entire matter was set out again, whereas most other cases were reported with one word summaries of the disposition:

"On the motion of the attorney prosecuting for the Com:wealth It is ordered that the Recognizances entered into by Right Wright & his securities on the complaint of Polley Meador to appear here yesterday and abide by an order which this court should make touching his being the father of two Bastard children charged by the said Polley Meador to have been begotten by him on her be quashed It being the opinion of the Court that they are not such recognizances as the Law in this case required."

The 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Names that own Property	Whites	Black over 16	B over 12 & under 16
	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
2	-	-	-	- 24

The 1810 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	Amount of Land	Amot of One Acre	Amount Of Vallueation	Tax
Wright Wright	251	1.13	283.68	1.36
Same	113	.25	28.25	0.14

The 1810 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Wright Wright	1	26-45	1	16-26		
	1	16-26				
	1	0-10				

This record indicates a date of birth for Wright Wright of between 1765 and 1784 and the same for Mary (Scott) Wright.

The 1811 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Date of Receivg Lists	Persons Names that Own Property	White tithes	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks over 12 & under 16 years
Aprl 1	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax D C
2	-	-	-	- 24

The 1811 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Wright Wright	251	1.13	283.68	1.36
Same	113	.25	28.25	0.14

The 1812 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16 years	Blacks under 16 & over 12
	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
3	-	-	-	- 36

The 1812 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	A Description and Situation of Each Tract of Land	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valuation	Tax
Wright Wright	374	on Indian river	0.80	311.90	1.56

This record reflects a consolidation of the two parcels of 251 acres and 113 acres into a single parcel of 374 acres.

The 1813 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16	Blacks over 12 & under 16
	Wright Wright	1	-	-

Horses	___	___	____	Tax
3	-	-	-	- 48

The 1813 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Persons Names That Own Land	No. of Acres	Description & Situation of Each Tract	Amount of One Acre	Total Amount Of Valluation	Tax
Wright Wright	374	Indian River	.80	311.93	2.08

The 1814 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

____	Persons names that own property	White tithes	Blacks over 16	Blacks 12 & under 16
	Right Wright	1	-	-

Horses	Griss Merchant Mills	Rent	Saw Mills	Rent	Forges	Valu-ation
3	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cariages	Valu-ation	Stud Horses	Rate per Season	___	Valu-ation	___
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Valu-ation	Free negroes & Mulatoes	Merchant License	___	___
-	-	-	-	- 63

The 1814 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Right Wright	in Franklin	fee Simple		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No of Acres of Lots	Description of Land
		374	Indian run

Distance & Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land per Acre	Total Valuation of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Total Amount of Tax on Land and Lots	Explanation of Alterations During the Preceding Year
25NE	.80	311.93	2.65	2.65	

The 1815 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons Names Charged with the Tax	No of white males above 16 years old
	Right Wright	1

Slaves over 9 and und 12 years old	Slaves over 12 years old	Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mules mares & Colts	Stud Horses No	Stud Horses Rate of Covering mares	no of head of Cattle
			3			5

Carrages 2 wheel riding Carrages	Carrages Pheatons & Stage Waggons	Carrages Publick Stages	Carrages all other 4 Wheel Carrag	Mills	Tole bridges & Ferrys

Tax Yeards	Free Male negros above 16 & under 45 years old	Watches Silver	Watches Single Case Gold	Watches Double Case Gold	Livery Stables	Houses in the Cuntry

Ice House		Clocks				
for private use	from Which Ice is Sold	Works of Wood W out Case	Works of Wood With Case	Works of Metal	of Vallu between 50 & 100	over $100

		Furniture					
Coal Pitts	Printers	Bureau & Bed Steds of Mahogany	Picturs & Glasses	Bureau & Book Cases	Total Pitchers and Decanters	Amount of Tax D C	
						.78	

The 1815 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	fee Simple	374	Indian Run

Distance an Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Vallua-tion of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
25NE	.80	311.93	2.65	

The will of 1815 Joseph Wright dated February 21, 1815, and probated on September 11, 1815, at Bedford County, Virginia, Superior Court Book A/15 listed Rite Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . 6thly, All the balance of my Estate both real and personal of every description after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my five sons, Thomas, John, Joseph, Matthew, & Rite Wright, & to my five daughters, Mary Greer, Agness Mayse, Judith McCormack, Patsy Mayse, & Barsheba Simmons, & to the Heirs of my Daughter Nancy Meador, decd. to be equally divided between them respectively . . . ."

The 1816 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists from individuals	Persons Names Chargeable the Tax	No of white males above 16 years old
22	Rite Wright	1

no of Slaves above 12 years old	No of Horses	Stud Horses No	Stud Horses $ Cts	2 wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheeled riding Carriages & harness belonging thereto Exceeding in Vallue $100
2	4	-		-	-

Phaetons Slay Waggons & harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Phaetons Slay Waggons & harness belonging thereto Exceeding in Vallue $200	Coaches & Harness belonging thereto Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Coaches & Harness belonging thereto Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Taxes $ Cts
-	-	-	-	2.12

The 1816 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Stanton

Distance an Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Vallua-tion of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Conveyances During the Preceding Year
25NE	.80	311.00	1._	

On July 22, 1816, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 4/255 an allocation of 125 acres of land of the estate of Joseph Wright was made to Rite Wright:

". . . . Lot No. 4. 125 acres in Bedford County Begining at a Spanish oak on Beaver Dam Creek off South 35 West 42 poles to a White oak North 78 West 130 poles to pointers north 14 East 40 poles to pointers North 5 East 90 poles to a red oak on the road north 10 East 20 poles North 40 East 20 poles South 85 East 21 poles to a red oak north 45 East 38 poles to the Said Creek thence Down the Same as it meanders to the Begining . . . ."

The 1817 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving lists from individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
Apl 5	Rite Wright	1

No of Slaves above 12 years old	No of head of Horses	Stud Horses No of	Stud Horses Rate per Season	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel riding Carriages & harness Exceeding in Vallue $100
2	5	-		-	-

Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Phaetons Slays Wagons & harness Exceeding in Vallue $200	Coaches & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Coaches & Harness Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	2.30	

The 1817 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of the Town
Rite Wright		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. Acres of Land	Description of the Land
		125	on the same adj Thomas Wright

Distance & bearings from the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land @ $75 pr 100 Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land	Explanation of the item during the preceding year
18W	1.40	175.00	1.31		

This record reflects the allotment of 125 acres of land to Rite Wright by Bedford County W.B. 4/255.

The 1817 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Descrip-tion of of Land
Wright Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Stanton

Distance & Baring from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
25NE	.80	311.00	2.34	

The 1818 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	No of white males above 16
April 6	Rite Wright	1

No Slaves over 16 yrs old	No Slaves over 12 & under 16 yrs old	Studs No of	Studs Rate per Season	2 wheel riding Carages Not exceeding in Vallu $100	2 wheel riding Carages Exceeding in Value $100
3	-	4	-	-	-

Phaetons & Stage Waggons not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Phaetons & Stage Waggons Exceeding in Vallu $200	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	2.82	

The 1818 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Right Wright		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amount of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		125	same

Distance& bearings From the Court House	Rate of Land pr Acre	Total Amount of Land	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ per Value	Total Amount Of Taxes On Lots & Land
19W	1.40	175.00	1.31	

The 1818 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Staunton

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
25NE	.80	311.00	2.34	

On July 6, 1818, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 8/153 Rite Wright purchased Lot 18 in the Town of Lawrence from Edwin and Susan Price:

> "This Indenture, made this 6" day of July eighteen hundred and eighteen between Edwin Price and Susan his wife of Prince Edward County of the one part, and Rite Wright of the County of Franklin of the other Witnesseth, that the said Edwin Price and Susan his wife, for, and in consideration of the sum of one hundred & forty Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said Rite Wright the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day bargained and sold, and by these Presents do bargain and Sell unto the said Rite Wright one certain parcel or lot of Land lying in the Town of Lawrence, in Franklin County, and according to the Plan of said Town, and known by No. 18. To have and to hold, the aforesaid lot of Land, with all its appurtenances, to him the said Rite Wright his heirs or assigns forever, and the said Edwin Price and Susan his wife, doth covenant for themselves and their heirs, to warrant and defend a good and lawful title to the said lot of Land, to him the said Rite Wright against the claims of them the said Edwin Price and Susan his wife and all and every person or persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof we have here set our hands and Seals, the day and year above written.
>
> Signed, Sealed and) Edwin Price
> delivered in Presence of) Susan Price
> Daniel Ferguson
> Henry Early
> Benja. Booth

At the Clerks office of Franklin County August 3d 1818

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Edwin Price of the one part, and Rite Wright of the other part, was acknowledged by the said Edwin Price and admitted to Record.

Teste,
Caleb Tate, C.F.C"

In September 1818 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 17/523 the court ordered a determination of damages for a water grist mill to be erected next to the land of Wright Wright:

"On the mo. of John Hunt for leave to erect a water Grist mill on Beaver Dam the Dam whereof will abut against the Land of Wright Wrights - a writ of ad Quid Dam is awarded the Jury to meet the 3d next month"

The 1819 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
Ap 5	Right Wright	1	3

No of Slaves above 12 & under 16 years of age	No of Horses	Stude Horses: No of Studes	Stude Horses: Rate per Season	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Not exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Exceeding in Vallue $100
-	4	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Exceeding in Vallue $200	Clocks: Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Clocks: Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	2.82	

The 1819 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Town Lots	Name of Town
Wright Wright		fee		

Yearly Rent of Lots	Amt of Tax on Lots	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
		125	On Stanton

Distance & bearing From the Court House	Rate of Land P Acre	Total Amount of Lands	Amount of Tax On Land at 75¢ P 100$ Value	Total Amount Of Tax On Lots & Land
19W	1.40	175.00	1.31	

The 1819 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	No of Acres	Description of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Stanton

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Rate of Land Per Acre	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land	
25NE	.80	311.00	2._	

The 1820 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	White Males 16 years of age	No of Slaves above 16 years of age
Febu_ 7	Right Wright	1	3

No of Slaves above 12 & under 16 years of age	Stude Horses: No of Horses	Stude Horses: No of Studes	Stude Horses: Rate per Season	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Not exceeding in Vallue $100	2 wheel Riding Carrages: Exceeding in Vallue $100
3	4	-	-	-	-

Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	Pheatons & Stage Wagons: Exceeding in Vallue $200	Clocks: Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	Clocks: Exceeding in Vallue $300	Total Amount of Tax	Proof
-	-	-	-	2.82	

The 1820 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the same

Sum Distance and bearings from the Court house	added to the Land on Value of Land per Acre	account of the Building	Total Value	Amount of Tax ___ for every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	3.50	150	437.50	.55	

The 1820 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Wright Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Stanton

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the on account of the Below	Total Vallue	Amount of Tax upon Land	Remarks
25 Miles NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	2.34	

The 1820 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Right Wright	1	26-45	1	26-45
	1	0-10	1	10-16
			1	0-10

Foreigners	Number in Agriculture	Number in Commerce	Number in Manufacture
	4		

Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
		1	45+				
		2	26-45				
		1	14-26				

All Other Persons

This record indicates a dates of birth for Wright Wright and Mary (Scott) Wright of between 1775 and 1794.

The 1821 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Feb 5	Right Wright	3	4

Stude Horses No.	Dollars Cts	two wheeled riding and Harness Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Vallue of $100	Phaetons & Stage Wagons & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $200	above the Vallue of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrages & Harness Not Exceeding in Vallue $300	above the Vallue $300	Amount of Tax	
-	-		

The 1821 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held In fee simple or for Life	N. Acres
Rite Wright	Bedford	fee	125

Description of Land	Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of land P acre including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on Acct Building
On the same	17SW	3.50	150

Total Value of Land and Buildings	Amount of Tax at the Rate of ___ $100 Value	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
437.50	.40	

The 1821 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owner	Residence	Estate	Numr of Acres of Land	Descrip-tion of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Stanton

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amount of Tax at the Rate of	Explanation __ during the Preceding Year
25 Miles NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.69	

The 1822 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts and Mules
April 1	Right Wright	3	4

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harndss		Phaetons & Stage wagons & harness	
No.	Dollars Cts	Not exceeding in Dollar $100	above the Value of $100	Not Exceeding in Value $200	above the Value of $200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Value $300	above the Value of $300	Amount of Tax
-	-	2.13

The 1822 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence		Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the same

Derscription & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land	Sum added to the Land on acct of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land@ 9 cts p every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	3.50		437.50	.40	

The 1822 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Staunton

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including the Bildings	Sum added to the Land on act of the Bildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Bilding	Amt of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
25 Miles NE	5.00	300.00	1870.00	1.67	

The 1823 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individs	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
April 7	Right Wright	3	2

Stude Horses		two wheeled riding Carriage & Harness		Phaetons & Stage waggons & Harness	
		Not exceeding in Vallue	Exceeding in Vallue	Not exceeding in Vallue	exceeding in Vallue
No.	D C	$100	$100	$200	$200
-	-	-	-	-	-

Riding Carrage & Harness		
Not exceeding in Vallue	above the Vallue of	Amount of Tax
$300	$300	
-	-	1.65

The 1823 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	___	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Courthouse	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Value	Remarks
17SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1823 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Owners Names	Residence	Estate whether held for life or in fee	No. of Acres of Land	Description of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Staunton

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Land on act of Buildings	Total Vallue of the Land & Buildings	Amount of tax on the value of	Explanation of alterations during the preceding Year
25 Miles NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

On about February 7, 1824, at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers Rite Wright joined other heirs of Joseph Wright in answering the complaint of Peter Dent for land due to him from the estate:

> "The joint answers of Joseph Wright Wright Wright Thomas Wright William McCormick & Judy his wife & Mary Greer by her agent and attorney in fact Green B. Greer as appears by the records of Franklin County to wit: to a Bill Exhibited against them and others in Bedford County court by Peter Dent these

respondents, saving to themselves the benefit of exceptions to the sd Bill for answer say

That Peter Dent is entitled to the Land in the Bill mentioned and ought to have a title for the same that the Respondents Joseph Wright, Thomas Wright & William McCormack & his wife Judy have conveyed their interest in the same to the sd Dent before the suit by sd Dent was instituted and ought therefor to have their costs that the Respondent Mary Greer was willing to have conveyed the same but was out of the country that her husband is dead and she is willing to such decree as will vest her right & Interest in the same in the sd Peter Dent and having fully answered pray to be dismissed with their costs &c

Thomas Wright Sr
William Mcomak
Joseph Wright
Greer B Greer
Agent as Attey in fact
for Mary Greer
Rite Wright

Franklin County Sct.

Thomas Wright in the annexed answer named appeared personally before me Sparrel Hale justice of the peace for sd County & made oath that the matters therein contained are true as far as they depend upon his own knowledge and that so far as they depend upon knowledge derived from others he believes them to be true

Given under my hand this 7th day day of Feby 1824

Spl Hale"

The 1824 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With Tax	Slaves above 12 years of Age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Ap 5	Right Wright	3	3

No. of Studs	Dollars	2 Wheel Riding Carrages	4 wheel Riding and Harness	Amount of Tax
-	-	-	-	1.77

The 1824 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the build-ings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation
17SW	3.50		437.50	.35

The 1824 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run

Distance and bear-ing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explana-tion of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

The 1825 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons names Chargeable With the Tax	Blacks over 12	Horses mares Colts & Mules
Feb 7	Right Wright	4	3

Amount of Tax	Carriages & Stallions	Remarks
2.24		

The 1825 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the same

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the buildings thereon	Total value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every$100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1825 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Rite Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of tax at the Rate of pr	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding Year
20 Miles NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

The 1826 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of recg lists from Individuals	Names of persons Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12	Horses &c
March 27	Right Wright	3	3

Stallions Carriages &c	Amt of Tax	Proof
-	1.77	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On beaver dam Cr

Distance and Lying from the C. House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land for buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1826 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Rite Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian run

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Value of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax	

The 1827 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving List from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules
Feby 1	Rite Wright	3	2

Stud Horses Carriages	The Amount of Tax	
-	1.65	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On the Same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1827 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin		374	Indian Run

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax	
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

The 1828 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving list from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With the Tax	Slaves over 12 years of age	Horses Mares Colts & Mules	Amount of Tax	
Feb 4	Right Wright	3	3	1.77	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	on the same

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of Buildings Thereon	Total Value of Land	List of Tax on Land at 8 cts for every $100 Valuation	Remarks
17W	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1828 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate Whether held for life or in fee	Number of Acres of Land	Description of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin		374	Indian Run

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land per acre Including Building	Sum added to the Land on account of Building	Total Vallue of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

The 1829 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving list	Persons Names Charable With Tax	____	Negroes over 12	Horses &c &c &c
April 4	Right Wright	3	-	3

_____	Amount of Tax	____
-	1.50	

The 1829 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Right Wright	Bedford	125	on Beaver Dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on Act of the Buildings Thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of Tax on Land at 8 Cents for every $100 Valuation	
18SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1829 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether Fee for life &c	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Pr Acre including Buildings &c	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Improvements &c	Total Value of Land & Improvements	Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of alterations During the preceding Year
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.50	

The 1830 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	Negroes over 12 years		
April 5	Right Wright	3	-	-

Horses &c &c &c	___	Dollars Cents	Proff
4		1.37	

The 1830 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land
Right Wright		125	On Beaver Dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land P Acre	Sum added to the Land On Account of the Building Thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of Tax on land at 8 Cents for Every $100 Value	___
18SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1830 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from C House	Bearing from C House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax on Land	Explanation of Alterations during the preceding Year
1.50	

The 1830 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following household:

Names Heads of Families	Free White Males	Age	Free White Females	Age
Wright Wright	1	40-50	1	60-70
	1	20-30	1	40-50
	1	5-10	1	15-20
	1	0-5	1	10-15

Slaves Male	Age	Slaves Female	Age	Free Colored Males	Age	Free Colored Females	Age
1	36-55	1	55-100				
		2	24-36				

	White Persons included in the foregoing				
Total	Deaf & Dumb Under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind	Aliens - Foreign-ers & Natural-ized
12					

Slaves and Colored Persons, included in the foregoing			
Deaf & Dumb under 14	Deaf & Dumb 14 to 25	Deaf & Dumb 25+	Blind

This record indicates a date of birth for Wright Wright between 1780 and 1790. It is as yet unclear who the older woman aged 60-70 was.

The 1831 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Month Date	Names of Persons chargeable With Tax	Negroes over 12 years		
	Right Wright	4	-	-

Horses Mules &c &c		Amount of	
4		1.24	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Rite Wright	Bedford	125	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to the Land on a/c of the building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1831 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Wright Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre, including Buildings	Sum added to Value of Land for Improvement	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the preceding year
1.50	

The 1832 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date	Names of Persons Owning Property	White Tyths	Blacks Over 12 Years	Blacks Over 16 Years
Feby 6	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses Mules		Amount of Tax	
5		1.05	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	description of Land January 1st 1831
Rite Wright	Bed	125	On Beaver Dam

Distance & bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum Added to Land on A/C of building thereon	Total value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cents for Every $100 Valuation	Remarks
18SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1832 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in Fee or for life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from Court House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per acre, Including buildings	Sum added to Land in Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
.50	

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Owners Names	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Mch 4	Right Wright	1	4	4

Horses &c &c		Amt. of tax $	
5		1.30	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	No. of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1833
Rite Wright	Bed	125	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land pr Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of building thereon	Total Value of Land	Amt of tax on land at 8 cts pr $100 worth	For the Auditor
18SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1833 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether in fee or for life	No of Acres	Situation of land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of land Per acre, Includ-ing buildings	Sum added to Land for Improvement	Total Value of Land and Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanation of alterations during the Preceding year
1.50	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Apl 5	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses Mules &c	___	Amount of Tax	____
7		1.17	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of Land January 1st 1834
Rite Wright	Frank	125	On Beaver dam Cr

Distance & bearing from the Court house	Value of Land per Acre	Sum added to Land on a/c of buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amot of Tax on Land at 8 cents for every $100	___
18 "	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1834 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	Estate whether in fee or life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from C House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax of Land
1.50

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
May 5	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses Mules &c	___	Amt of Tax	____
6		1.11	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1835
Rite Wright	Frank	125	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land per acre	Sum Added to the Land on accout of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of tax on land at 8 Cts for every G100	
18 SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1835 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners of Land	Residence	Estate whether in fee or life	Number of Acres	Situation of land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from C House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Sum added for Improvements	Total Value of Land & Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax of Land	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.50	

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses Mules &c		Amt of Tax	
7		1.17	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of acres	Description of land January 1st 1836
Rite Wright	Franklin	125	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr acre	Improvements Added to the Land On account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
18 SW	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1836 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Number of Acres	Situation
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.50	

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses &c	Amt of Tax	
7	1.17	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1837
Rite Wright	Frank	125	On Bever dam Cr

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
18	3.50		437.50	.35	

The 1837 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Number of Acres	Situation of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance from Ct House	Bearing from Ct House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.50	

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Owners	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 years of age	Blacks over 16 Years
	Right Wright	1	3	3

Horses &c	Amount of Tax	
7	1.46	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land January 1st 1838
Wright Wright	Franklin	125	On Bever Dam Creek

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On Account of Buildings thereon	Total Value of Land	Amount of Tax On Land	
18 SW	3.50		437.50	.44	

The 1838 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate	No of Acres	Situation of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run

Distance	and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.87	

On September 13, 1838, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 15/537 Right Wright purchased 135-3/4 acres of land from Booker Preston and his wife Mary:

> "This Indenture made this 13" day of September 1838 between Booker Preston & Mary his wife of the county of Barren & State of Kentucky of the one part & Right Wright of the other part of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia. Witnesseth that the said Booker Preston & Mary his wife for & in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred & fifty Seven dollars & Twenty five cents to them in hand paid the recipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold & by these presents doth bargain Sell & convey unto the said Right Wright & his heirs & assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land Situate lying & being in the County of Franklin & State of Virginia on the waters of Indian Run Containing One Hundred and Thirty five 3/4 acres be the same more or less & Bounded as follows (Viz), Begining at Taylors Corner white oak N 43 W 100 poles to a pile of Rocks Thence N 18 E 107 poles crossing Indian Run to a pile of Rocks N 45 E 18 poles to a red oak N 25 E 42 pole to a Rock on Wright's line S 35 E 56 poles to a white Oak near the Creek E 13 pole to a Hornbeam S 47 E 98 poles to Meader's & Sanders Corner Locus Stump S 43 W 158 pole to the Begining with all & Singular by the appertainances Thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the only proper use & behoof of the aforesaid Right Wright his

heirs & assigns forever & the said Booker Preston & Mary his wife doth hereby covenant & agree with the said Right Wright his heirs & assigns that they the said Booker Preston & Mary his wife & their heirs will forever warrant & defend the premises aforesaid to the aforesaid Right Wright his heirs & assigns forever from the claim of all & every person or persons whatsoever in Witness whereof the said Booker Preston & Mary his wife hath hereunto set their hands & seals the day and date above written

Attest
Asa Young
Caleb Barton

Booker Preston
Mary Preston

Kentucky Barren County to wit

We Asa Young and James Frazer two of the commonwealth Justices of the peace for said county do certify that Mary Preston the wife of the within named Booker Preston this day personally appeared before us and being examined separate and a part from her husband as the law directs voluntarily and of her own free will and consent relinquished her right of dower to the premises conveyed by the within deed and the same is certified to the clerk of the county court of Franklin County in the State of Virginia, for record where the premises lie. Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of September September 1838

Asa Young JP
James Frazer PBC

State of Kentucky Barren County Set

I Thomas J Helm clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do certify that this deed from Booker Preston and Mary Preston his wife to Right Wright together with the testamonial of acknowledgment of dower thereon was on this day produced to me in my office by the grantors and acknowledged by the said Booker Preston to be his act and deed whereupon the Same is certified to the clerk of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia where the premises lie there to be recorded

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office this 17th day of September 1838

F J Helm CBCl.

State of Kentucky Barren County Set

I James Frazer presiding Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Thomas J Helm is the clerk of the County Court for this County aforesaid duly Commissioned and qualified that full faith and credit is given to all his official acts and his attestation is one form of law

Given under my hand this 17' day of September 1838

James Frazers J.P.B.C.

Franklin County Court November 7' 1838

This Indenture of bargain and Sale between Booker Preston & Mary his wife of the one part and Right Wright of the other part was exhibited into Court and together with the certificate hereon endorsed ordered to be recorded

Teste
M. G. Carper, C.F.C."

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

_____	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Slaves over 16 years
	Rite Wright	2	3	3

Horses &c__	Amount of Tax	____
8	1.54	

The 1839 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of land March 1st 1839
Wright Wright	Franklin	125	On the Same [Falling Creek]

Distance & bearing from the C. House	Value of Land Pr Acre	Improvements added to the Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land	Tax $ Cts	
18 SW	3.50		437.50	.44	

The 1839 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Numbers of Acres	Situation of Land
Rite Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	Indian Run
"	"	"	135-3/4	"

Distance from Court House	Bearing from Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvements	Value of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00
18	"	4.00	"	543.00

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.87	
.55	fm Booker Preston Jr

This record reflects the purchase of 135-3/4 acres of land by Franklin County Deed 15/537.

The 1840 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description of the Land
Right Wright	Franklin	125	On the Same [Bever dam Cr]

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Buildings	Sum added to the Value of Land on Account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On Account of Buildings	Tax $ Cts	
18 SW	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

1840	Names of Owners	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Horses &c		Amount of Taxes
	Right Wright	3	7		1.44

The 1840 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owner	Residence of Owners	Estate whether in fee or Life	Numbers of Acres	Residence of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run
"	"	"	135¼	"

Distance from Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Vallue of Improvements	Vallue of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00
20	"	3.00	"	405.75

Amount of Tax	Expla of Alterations during the Preceding Year
1.87	
.42	

The 1840 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Rite Wright	1	60-70	1	50-60
	1	20-30	1	20-30
	1	15-20	1	10-15
	1	10-15		

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
						1	55-100
1							36-55
1							24-36

	Number of Persons in each Family Employed in					
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
10		5				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Ages	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing Deaf and Dumb No.	Ages	Blind

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued]		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
Insane and Idiots		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

This record indicates a date of birth for Wright Wright between 1770 and 1780 and for Mary (Scott) Wright between 1790 and 1800.

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males	Slaves above 12 years old
May 7	Right Wright	2	3

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether four wheel or two Wheel riding Carriages phea stage wagons with the Vallue thereof	
3	9		2.32½

The 1841 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of The Land
Right Wright	Franklin	125	On the Same

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre Including Buildings	Sum added to the Value of the Land on account of Buildings	Total Value of Land on account of Buildings	Amount of tax on the Land
18 SW	4.00		500.00	.63

The 1841 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate whether for Life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Residence of Lands
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run
ditto	"	"	135¼	"

Distance from the Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Vallue of Improvements	Vallue of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00
20	"	3.00	"	405.75

Amount of Tax	Expla of Alterations during the Preceding Year
2.34	
.51	

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males Above 16	Slaves above 12 years old
Ap 25	Right Wright	2	3

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether 4 wheel or two wheel riding Carriages Carryall and all others with Vallue thereof	Amount of Tax
3	9		2.32½

The 1842 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	N of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Wright Wright	Franklin	125	On Bever Dam Cr

Distance and Bearing from the Court House	Value of the Land Including Buildings pr Acre	Sum added to the Value of Land On account of Buildings	Total Value of Land On account of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land
18 SW	4.00	400	500.00	.63

The 1842 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Names of Owners	Residence of Owners	Estate Whether for life	No of	Residence of Lands
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135¼	"

Distance from the Court House	Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land Per Acre	Value of Improvement	Value of Land Including Improvements
20	NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00
20	"	3.00	"	405.75

Amount of Tax	Explanations of Alterations during the Preceding Year
2.34	
.51	

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

_____	Names of Persons Taxable	White males over 16 years of age	Slaves over 12 years of age	Slaves over 16 years of age
	Right Wright	2	3	3

Horses Colts ___	Carriages Carryalls and Livery wagons	Pianos(?)	Gold watches	Silver Lever watches	Common silver watches
7					

Wooden clocks	Metal Clocks	Amount of tax
1		2.61

The 1843 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	No of Acres	Description or Situation of the Land
Wright Wright	Franklin	125	On the Same

Distance & Bearing from the Court House	Value of Land pr Acre	Sun added to the Land On acct of Buildings	Total Value of Land On a/c of Buildings	Amount of Tax on the Land
18 SW	4.00		500.00	.75

The 1843 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee or Life	No of Acres	Description of the Land as to water Courses Mountains & Contiguous Tracts
Right Wright	Franklin	in fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added on account of Buildings	Total Vallue of of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on ____ Tract at
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	2.81
20 "	3.00	"	405.75	.61

Explanations of Alterations during
the Preceding Year for Whom Transferred

The 1844 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple or life &c	No of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, Mountains and contig-uous Tracts
Wright Wright	Franklin	fee	125	On the Same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of Land P Acre including buildings	Sum ___ ___ the Land on acct of buildings	Total Value of the land & buildings	___	Explanations of altera-tions during the preceding expecially from whom transferred
18 SW	4.00		500.00		

The 1844 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee or Life	No of Acres	Description of the Land as to water Courses Mountains & Contiguous Tracts
Right Wright	Franklin	In fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Vallue of Land Per Acre	Sum added on account of Buildings	Total Vallue of of Land & Buildings	Amount of Tax on ____ Tract at
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	2.34
20	3.00	"	405.75	.51

Explanations of Alterations during
the Preceding Year for Whom Transferred

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

_____	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Right Wright	2	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value
7				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, pre__ or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				3.28

The 1845 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Names Of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to Water Courses, _____
Wright Wright	Franklin	fee	125	On the same [Beaverdam Cr]

Distance & bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract, at legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the ____ especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1845 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owners	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Right Wright	Franklin	In fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of Buildings	Total Value of the Land and Buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.87
" "	3.00	"	405.75	.41

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

_____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Right Wright	2	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
7				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				1.78½

The 1846 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright Wright	Bedford	fee	125	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1846 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Right Wright	Franklin	In fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the Land and buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.87
" "	3.00	"	405.75	.41

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Right Wright	2	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages & harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages & value
4				

Gold watches	Patent L watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos & value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and amount of tax	Physicians &c paying specific tax	Dentists paying specific Tax & amount of tax	Am't of Interest and profits

Am't of monied yearly income over $400	Bridge value -	Ferry - value	Newspaper	Dollars	Cents
					1.36

The 1847 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright Wright	Bedford	fee	125	On Beaverdam

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1847 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether held in fee simple, for Life &c	No of Acres	Description of the land as to watercourses mountains and contiguous Tracts
Right Wright	Franklin	In fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the Land and buildings	Am't of Tax on the whole tract, at the legal rate
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.87
" "	3.00	"	405.75	.41

Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

_____	_____	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Right Wright	2	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness & value	Stages and value including harness	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and Harness, & value	Gold watches
4				

Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50
			1		

Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over$400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges Value	Ferries Value	Newspapers value	
				1.48½

The 1848 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright Wright	Bedford	fee	125	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1848 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Estate whether life or in fee	No of Acres of Land	Residence of Land
Right Wright	Franklin	In fee	374	Indian Run
Ditto	"	"	135½	"

Distance and bearing from the Court House	Value of Land per acre	Value of improvm	Value of land with improvements	Amt of Tax
20 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.87
"	3.00	"	405.75	.41

Explanation of alterations during the preceding year

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

_____	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
Mar 24	Right Wright	2	3	4

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
4				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value
				1	

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax amt of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				1.80½

The 1849 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright Wright	Bedford	fee	125	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

___	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Rite Wright	1		3	4

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
6				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value
				1		

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profit or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount tax. Dollars Cents
			2.00½

The 1850 Land Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wright Wright with the following property:

Name Of Owner	Residence	Estate, whether held in fee simple for life &c	No. of Acres	Descriptions of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Wright Wright	Bedford	fee	125	On Beaverdam Cr

Distance & bearing from the court-house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total value of the land & buildings	Am't of tax on the whole tract at the legal rate	Explanations of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred
18 W	4.00		500.00	.50	

The 1850 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Name of Owner	Residence	Taxes whether in fee simple, for life &c	No. of Acres	Description of the land as to water courses, mountains and contiguous tracts
Rite Wright	Franklin	of fee	374	Indian Run
"	"	"	135¾	

Distance and bearing from the court house	Value of land per acre, including buildings	Sum added to the land on account of buildings	Total Value of the land and buildings	Amount of tax on on the whole tract, at the legal rate
18 NE	5.00	200.00	1870.00	1.87
16 NE	3.00		405.75	.41

Explanation of alterations during the preceding year, especially from whom transferred

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed one Right Wright with the following household on October 6, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Right Wright	70	M		Farmer	$3000
Mary Wright	60	F			
Jane Wright	40	F			
Fleming J. T. Wright	28	M			
Mary A. Wright	20	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				
Virginia				

This record indicates that Wright Wright was born in about 1780 and that Mary (Scott) Wright was born in about 1790. Since 1815 Joseph Wright's residence was in Bedford, the place of birth of Rite Wright was probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

The 1851 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Rite Wright	Franklin	fee	874	
Rite Wright	"	"	135-3/4	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amt of Tax
Indian Run	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	2.70
"	16 NE	4.00		644.00	.78

Amount of Tax	Explanation

The 1852 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Rite Wright	Franklin	fee	374	
Rite Wright	"	"	135-3/4	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Indian River	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	4.05
"	16 NE	4.00		644.00	1.16

Amount	Explanation

The 1853 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Right Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Right Wright	Franklin	fee	374	
Right Wright	"	"	135-3/4	

Description	Distance	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Indian Run	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	4.49
"	16 NE	4.00		543.00	1.09

Amount	Explanation

The 1854 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	Acres	Name of Tract
Rite Wright	Franklin	fee	374	
Rite Wright	"	"	135-3/4	

Description of the Land	Distance from Court House	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt. of Tax
Indian Run	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	4.49
Staunton	"	6.00		543.00	1.09

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alterations

The 1855 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Rite Wright	Franklin	fee	374	
Rite Wright	"	"	135¾	

Discription	Distance from CH	Value	Sum	Total	Amount
Indian Run	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	4.49
"	16 NE	4.00		543.00	1.09

Amount for County purposes _____ Explanation

The Death Certificate of Rite Wright was dated on December 6, 1855, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information:

"Place of Death: Franklin County
Name of Deceased: Rite Wright
Color: White
Sex: Male
Age: 75 yrs. 6 mos.
Date of Death: December 6, 1855
Place: Franklin
Cause of Death: Dropsy
Names of Parents: Joseph & Clara Wright
Name and Relation of Informant: Fleming J. T. Wright"

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Sandy Mealoy stated that the following gravestone was located on Dalton Altice's farm in Franklin County, Virginia:

"1855
Rite Wright
Mary Wright
Joseph H. (K?) Wright
Sallie Wright
Flemming Wright
Henry S. Wright
Mary A. Wright
1900"

The 1856 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Rite Wright, decd. with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Rite Wright, decd.	Franklin	fee	374	
Rite Wright, decd.	"	"	135	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Run	20 NE	6.00	400	2244.00	8.98
"	16 NE	4.00		543.00	2.17

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The will of Rite Wright was dated December 28, 1852, probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337, and provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen. I Rite Wright of the County of Franklin and State of Virginia, in the seventy third year of my life, being of feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and constitute this my last Will and Testament.

First, it is my Will and desire after my death that my body shall be decently buried; and that my funeral expenses and all my Just debts shall be paid.

Secondly. I bequeathe to my wife Mary Wright the plantation on which I now live, with as much of the household and kitchen furniture as she may want. Likewise as many Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Geese as she may think proper to take. I also bequeathe to her my two negro women Lucy and Judey during her life or widowhood and also take care of Sookey while she lives. At the death of my wife or when the three youngest children leave her, I desire that my two Sons Fleming J. T. Wright and Henry S. Wright shall be made equal with the first children in Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, beds & furniture and kitchen and table ware.

Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run Creek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T.

Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner.

Fourthly. I Will and bequeathe to Judith P. Wright and my two Grand Children Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. N. T. K. Turner my tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, adjoining the lands of Jefferson Thomason, William Thomason, James Dickinson and others, one half to belong to Judith P Wright and the other half to be equally divided between Angelina and John W. Turner.

Fifthly. I will and bequeath unto my son Fleming J. T. Wright that portion of my tract of land on which I now live lying on the North side of Indian Run Creek running from Joseph K. Wrights line up the Creek to my Water Gap thence straight across the hill West to Sally Burrough's line. At the death of my wife he, Fleming J. T. Wright, is to pay to my youngest daughter Mary A. T. S. Wright three hundred dollars as his portion of one thousand dollars herein after bequeathed to her.

Sixthly. I Will and bequeathe to my son Henry S. Wright all the land South of Fleming J. T. Wright's land with the meanderings of the Creek to Joseph K. Wright's line, and at the death of my wife he (Henry S. Wright) is to pay to my daughter Mary A. F. S. Wright three hundred dollars as his portion of one thousand dollars herein after bequeathed to her.

Sevently. I Will and bequeathe unto my youngest Daughter Mary A. F. S. Wright One thousand Dollars in money three hudred Dollars of which sum is to be paid by Fleming J. T. Wright at the Death of his Mother. Three hundred Dollars to be paid by Henry S. Wright, also at the death of his mother and four hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors out of the proceeds of my personal Estate after the death of my wife if there be enough. If not the deficiency to be made up Jointly by the five legatees Viz. Joseph K. Wright, Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Angeilina & John W. Turner she is also to have a Horse worth Seventy Dollars or Seventy Dollars in money as she may choose at the Death of her mother or when she needs it. She is also to be made equal with the other children in Cattle Sheep & Hogs, beds & furniture, kitchen and table ware and is to live with her mother free of charge during her life or widowhood.

If there be any of my perishable property left after paying Mary A. F. S. Wright, it is to be equally dived between the five legatees Viz. Joseph K. Wright, Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Angeilina & John W. Turner

Eighthly. I Will and bequeathe to my Daghter Jane Childress five Dollars to be paid by my Executors after the Death of her Mother.

Lastly. I hereby appoint Fleming J. T. Wright and Joseph K. Wright Executors of this my last Will and Testament, Ever So Amen

Witness my hand and Seal this 28" day of December 1852.

Witness
S. S. Turner
B S. Turner
C. A. Chewning

Rite Wright

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on the 4" day of February 1856.

The last Will and Testatament of Rite Wright Decd was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of Bird S. Turner and Charles A. Chewning two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and admitted to record. And on the Motion of Fleming J. T. Wright One of the Executors named in said Will, Joseph K. Wright the other Executor named in said Will refusing in Court to qualify as such, who made oath and gave bond and Security conditioned according to Law Certificate is granted him to obtain a probat of said Will in Due form, liberty being reserved to Joseph K. Wright the other Executor to join in said probat when he shall think fit.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C.F.C"

The will stated that he was in the 73rd year of his life, indicating a date of birth in about 1779, and from the will the following family can be identified:

Wife: Mary;

Children:
1) Fleming J. T. Wright,
2) Henry S. Wright,
3) Joseph K. Wright,
4) Judith P. Wright,
5) Jane Childress, and
6) Mary A. F. S. Wright, and

Grandchildren:
a) Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner, and
b) James J. N. T. D. Turner.

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Rite Wright was filed on June 2, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/406 and listed assets valued at $1,402.10 including two black slaves:

"A Lis of the appraisment of Rite Wrights property

3 Shoves ploughts 2 Singles & 2 Clevis	2.00
1 Turning ploug & double Tree	3.00
2 Coalters & Stocks	1.50
6 hiling hoes	1.50
5 Axes	1.50
1 Shovel 1 Spaid & 2 coolters	1.00
2 paire of Streachers Clevis & wedge	1.00
5 Mattock	1.75
1 Grinds Stone	2.50
1 Lot of plougs	1.00
1 lot of Tobaco	3.00
1 Sand Cive	.50
2 Mowing Sneeds 1 Sithe & moing blade	.75
1 Sithe & Cradle	3.00
5 Raw hide	3.25
1 Jointer Cross Cut & han Sawe	1.50
1 house of Tobaco	65.00
1 Set of harrow Teeth	2.00
1 lot of hogs 23	46.00
19 Sheep	25.50
4 Calfs	8.00
4 Bee Gums	8.00
2 Steers	12.00
1 Cowe	10.00
1 do do	8.00
1 do do	12.00
1 do do	12.00
1 Cowe & Calf	10.00
7 Auguers	3.00
1 Lot of towols	2.00
2 Cotton Wheels	5.00
1 Loome	6.00
1 Plougs	.75
1 Whagon	75.10
1 log chain	1.00
1 lot of Corn	35.00
2 Barrels of Flower	11.00
1 lot plank	2.50

1 Bay horse	50.00
1 Bay Mare & Coalt	150.00
1 Sorrel horse	60.00
1 Cuting knife	1.50
1 Cart	8.00
1 Wheat Fan	25.00
1 Turning plough	3.00
1 lot of wheat	8.75
1 lot of Barrels	3.00
1 lot of Hin Geere	15.00
3 sets of ploags geere	5.00
1 Barrel of Old Irons	.50
1 half Bushel	.25
1 Lot of Bacon	36.00
1 paine of Sellands	1.50
2 Ciders Cask	1.50
1 Brass kettle & lot of Iron	2.00
1 Wagon Saddle &c	6.00
Black Woman Lucy	200.00
1 Walnut Cubbord	15.00
1 Folding Table	15.00
1 Bureaue	12.00
1 Clock	15.00
1 Bed Stid & Furniture	30.00
1 Trundle Bid & Stid	12.50
1 Set of Winsor chairs	15.00
Black Woman Judith	150.00
1 pine chest	1.00
1 Walnut chest	3.00
1 Looking Glass	2.00
2 Trunks	.50
1 pare of Beaurus	4.00
1 Cotin & Flax wheel & Cut reel	7.00
1 Lot of Table & Cubourd weare	8.00
1 lot of kitchen Furniture	5.00
1 Water Vessels	1.00
1 pot	1.00
1 long puter bason	.50

6 Split Bottom Chairs 2.00
2 Pot racks 2.00

Walter Chewering
his
James X Meador
mark
his
John Adkin
mark

In the Clerks Office of Franklin County Court the 2" day of June 1856.

This Appraisement of the Estatement of Rite Wright Decd. was Exhibited into the said Office and admitted to Record.

Teste.
R. A. Scott C.F.C"

The 1857 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary Wright	Franklin	fee	374	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Run	12 NW	6.00	300	2244.00	8.95

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1858 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary Wright	Franklin	fee	374	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Creek	12 NE	6.00	300	2244.00	8.98

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1859 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary Wright	Franklin	fee	374	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Creek	12 NW	6.00	300	2244.00	8.98

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Mary Wright	Franklin	Fee	374	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Creek	12 NE	6.00	300	2244.00	8.96

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following household on August 26, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Mary Wright	69	F			5000
F. J. T. Wright	39	M		Farmer	
Henry S. Wright	35	M		Farmer	
Mary A. Wright	28	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
1713	Va				
2000	Va				
	Va				
	Va				

The 1860 Census Slave Schedules for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary Wright with the following slaves:

Names of Slave Owners	No of Slaves	Age	Sex	Color	Fugitives from the State
Mary Wright	1	65	F	B	
	1	57	F	B	

Number manumitted	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic	No. of Slave houses

This record indicates that Mary (Scott) Wright was born in about 1791.

The Declaration of Littleberry Wright dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 identified Wright Wright as a son of 1815 Joseph Wright:

> "Meade County State of Kentucky, United States of America the nineteenth day of June A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventh Three,
>
> I Little Berry Wright of the County State and Country aforesaid was born March the 25th twenty ____ day One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety One in the State of Virginia near Bedford or Franklin County. My father was named Joseph Wright Jr. of Bedford County Virginia. he was a Son of Joseph Wright Sr. of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid who was my grandfather.
> . . . .
>
> My Grand Father had five children by his first wife which was my Grand mother the names of which was Thomas, Mary, Milly, John and Joseph, The names of the children by his Second wife was named Aggie Nancy, Basheba, Judith, Martha, Mathew & Wright-Wright making twelve in all. . . ."

The death record of Mary Wright was dated on August 26, 1875, at Franklin County, Virginia, and listed the following information for the decedent:

"Place of Death:	Franklin County, Virginia
Line Number:	58
Name of Deceased:	Mary Wright
Race:	Not Stated
Sex:	Not Stated
Age:	85
Date of Death:	August 26, 1875
Place:	Franklin
Cause of Death:	Old Age
Name of Parents:	Jos. and Jane Scott
Birthplace of Deceased:	Amherst
Occupation:	Housekeeper
Consort of:	Wright Wright
Name of Informant:	Henry Wright
Relation of Informant:	Head of Family
Commissioner of the Revenue:	W. S. Arrington
Date Record Filed:	Between 1875 and 1896"

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Sandy Mealoy enclosed an undated statement by Mary Rachel Newbill which provided in part as follows:

> ". . . . Grandmothers father was Wright Wright . . . . Grandfather Wright Wright married Miss Mary Scott, her ancestors were from Ireland . . . ."

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which identified the first two children of Rite Wright by Polley Meador as James Meador, born in 1806 and who married Sarah Ann "Sally" Spradlin on June 14, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, and Lucinda Meador, born October 10, 1808, and who married James Spradlin on January 24, 1837, at Franklin County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polley" Meador were the following:

1) James Meador, born in 1804 or 1806 or 1811 at Virginia, probably at Bedford or Franklin County, Virginia, and

2) Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin, born on October 10, 1808 or 1810 at Virginia, probably at Bedford County, Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polly" (Scott) Wright were the following:

1) Joseph Kemp Wright, born about 1810 at Virginia,

2) Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress, born on May 27, 1811, at Franklin County, Virginia,

3) Judith P. (Wright) Wright, born about 1818,

4) Fleming J. T. Wright, born in March 1822 at Virginia,

5) Henry S. Wright, born about 1825 or 1826, and

6) Mary Ann F. S. Wright, born about 1830 or 1832 or 1835 at Virginia.

a. <u>James Meador, His Wife Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston, And His Descendants</u>

James Meador was a son of 1855 Wright Wright and Mary "Polley" Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Meador with the following household:

Name	Age	Personal Property	Born
James Meador	39	$500	Virginia
Sarah Meador	35		Virginia
Sarah J. Meador	13		Virginia
Mildred Meador	10		Virginia
Ann E. Meador	6		Virginia
Jesse P. or T. Meador	5		Virginia
Latitia Meador	2		Virginia

This record indicates that James Meador was born about 1811 and that Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston was born about 1815.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Meador with the following household on June 14, 1860, at Davis Mills Post Office:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Estate	Property	Born
James Meador	56		Farmer	$700	$800	Virginia
S Meador	44	F				Virginia
J Meador	21	F				Virginia
M Meador	18	F				Virginia
C Meador	15	F				Virginia
A E Meador	13	F				Virginia
P Meador	11	M				Virginia
L Meador	8	F				Virginia
O Meador	5	M				Virginia

This record indicates that James Meador was born about 1804 and that Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston was born about 1816.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Meador was the first child of Rite Wright and Polley Meador, was born in 1806, married Sarah Ann "Sally" Spradlin on June 14, 1847, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) Meador was born on June 22, 1826, and that they had the following children:

1) Mildred Meador, born in 1848,

2) Catherine Meador, born in 1849,

3) Ann E. (Meador) Overstreet, born in 1851,

4) Charles Orville Meador, born in 1852, and

5) Letitia (Meador) Spradlin, born in 1853.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston were the following:

1) Sarah J. Meador, born about 1837 or 1839 at Virginia,

2) Mildred Meador, born about 1840 or 1842 at Virginia,

3) Catherine Meador, born about 1845 or 1849 at Virginia,

4) Ann E. (Meador) Overstreet, born about 1844 or 1847 or 1851 at Virginia,

5) Jesse P. Meador, born about 1845 or 1849 at Virginia,

6) Letitia (Meador) Spradlin (?), born about 1848 or 1852 or 1853 at Virginia, and

7) Charles Orville Meador, born in 1852 or about 1855 at Virginia.

i. Sarah J. Meador

Sarah J. Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Sarah J. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1837.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed J. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 21 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1839.

ii. Mildred Meador

Mildred Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Mildred Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 10 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1840.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M. F. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 18 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1842.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mildred Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston and was born in 1848.

iii. Catherine Meador

Catherine Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed C. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 15 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Catherine Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston and was born in 1849.

iv. Ann E. (Meador) Overstreet And Her Husband Daniel W. Overstreet

Ann E. (Meador) Overstreet was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Ann E. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 6 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed A. E. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 13 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1847.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Ann E. Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston and was born in 1851, married Daniel W. Overstreet on January 2, 1889, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Daniel W. Overstreet was born in 1849.

v. Jesse P. Meador

Jesse P. Meador was a son of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Jesse P. or T. Meador in the James Meador household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed P. Meador in the James Meador household and his age as 11 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

vi. Letitia (Meador) Spradlin, Her Possible Husband Thomas Otey Spradlin, And Her Descendants

Letitia (Meador) Overstreet was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Latitia Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 2 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1848.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. Meador in the James Meador household and her age as 8 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1852.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Letitia Meador was a daughter of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston, was born in 1852 or 1853, possibly married Thomas Otey Spradlin on March 16, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, although this

identification was uncertain, and died on February 7, 1876, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Thomas Otey Spradlin was born in December 1845, served with the 58th Virginia Infantry in the Civil War, married second Sarah O. Dickerson on January 22, 1879, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Letitia (Meador) Spradlin and Thomas Otey Spradlin had the following children:

1) Virginia E. Spradlin, born on February 12, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

2) Sirena B. Spradlin, born on December 30, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia.

vii. Charles Orville Meador, His Wife Fanny (Chandler) Meador, And His Descendants

Charles Orville Meador was a son of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], James[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed O. Meador in the James Meador household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1855.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Charles Orville Meador was a son of James Meador and Sarah Ann "Sally" (Spradlin) (Meador) Elliston, was born in 1852, married Fanny Chandler on April 2, 1874, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Fanny (Chandler) Meador was born in 1851, and that they had the following children:

1) Robert Lee Meador, born in September 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

2) Benjamin Meador, born on September 2, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia.

b. Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin, Her Husband James Spradlin, And Her Descendants

Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin was a daughter of 1855 Wright Wright and Mary "Polley" Meador. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The marriage bond of Lucinda Meador and Paschal Meador was dated on January 24, 1837, at Franklin County, Virginia.

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Spradling with the following household:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Personal Property	Born
James Spradling	64			Farmer	$1505	Virginia
Lucinda Spradling	41					Virginia
James Spradling	22					Virginia
Charles R. Spradling	19					Virginia
Frances Spradling	12					Virginia
Paschal Spradling	9					Virginia
Latitia Spradling	7					Virginia
Thomas O. or B.(?) Spradling	5					Virginia
Lucy Ann Spradling	1					Virginia
Polly Meador	80(60?)					Virginia

This record indicates that Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin was born about 1809 and that James Spradlin was born about 1786.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed James Spradlin with the following household on June 19, 1860, at Davis Mills Post Office:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Real Estate	Property	Born
James Spradlin	70		Farmer	$2500	$1500	Virginia
L Spradlin	50	F				Virginia
M F Spradlin	21	F				Virginia
P F (T?) Spradlin	19	M				Virginia
L Spradlin	16	F				Virginia
S (T?) O Spradlin	15	M				Virginia
L A Spradlin	11	F				Virginia
Wm F P Spradlin	7	M				Virginia
Jon Compton	51	M	Farmer	$7500	$11,000	Virginia

This record indicates that Lucinda (Meador) Spradlinr was born in about 1810 and that James Spradlin was born about 1790.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucinda Meador was the second child of Rite Wright and Mary "Polley" Meador, was born on October 10, 1808, married James Spradlin on January 24, 1837, at Franklin County, Virginia, that James Spradler was born on December 26, 1789, married first Polly Meador on May 22, 1813, served in Captain John P. Gray's Company from August 31 to December 3, 1814, in the War of 1812, and died on August 9, 1870, at Bedford County, Virginia, and that Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin had the following children:

1) Matilda Frances (Spradlin) Meador, born on May 12, 1839,
2) Paschal Tyler Spradlin, born in 1841,
3) Letitia Spradlin, born in April 1843,
4) Thomas Otey Spradlin, born in December 1845,
5) Lucy Ann Spradlin, born in July 1848, and
6) William Franklin Pierce Spradlin, born on June 27, 1853.

In his letter dated March 23, 1987, Mr. Victor P. Meador enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucinda Meador was the daughter of Mary "Polly" Meador and possibly of Rite Wright and was born on October 10, 1810, although this date from a Bible record had been disputed and might be 1808, and married James Spradlin on January 24, 1837, at Franklin County, Virginia, and died on February 10, 1876, at Virginia.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin were the following:

1) Matilda Frances (Spradlin) Meador, born on May 12, 1839, at Virginia,
2) Paschal Tyler Spradlin, born in 1841 at Virginia,
3) Letitia Spradlin, born in April 1843 at Virginia,
4) Thomas Otey Spradlin, born in December 1845 at Virginia,
5) Lucy Ann Spradlin, born in July 1848 at Virginia, and
6) William Franklin Pierce Spradlin, born on June 27, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia.

I. Matilda Frances (Spradlin) Meador, Her Husband Thomas Meador, And Her Descendants

Matilda Frances (Spradlin) Meador was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Frances Spradling in the James Spradling household and her age as 12 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1838.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed M. F. Spradlin in the James Spradlin Household and her age as 21 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1839.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Matilda Frances Spradlin was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin, was born on May 12, 1839, at Virginia, married Thomas Meador on March 12, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, and died on December 2, 1913, that Thomas Meador was born in March 1833, and that they had the following children:

1) Vinnie L. (Meador) Kidd, born on May 2, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Effie O. (Meador) Hannabass, born on January 16, 1877, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Mora O. (Meador) Meador, born on June 2, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) Victor Ottaway Meador, born on May 30, 1881,

5) Berna Hugh Meador, born on February 27, 1883.

ii. Paschal Tyler Spradlin

Paschal Tyler Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Paschal Spradling in the James Spradling household and his age as 9 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed P. F. (T?) Spradlin in the James Spradlin Household and his age as 19 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1841.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Paschal Tyler Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin, was born in 1841 at Virginia, served in Company I, 58th Virginia Infantry in the Civil War, and died on August 17, 1862, at Lynchburg Hospital of typhoid fever.

iii. Letitia Spradlin

Letitia Spradlin was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Letitia Spradling in the James Spradling household and her age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1843.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. Spradlin in the James Spradlin Household and her age as 16 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1844.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Letitia Spradlin was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin and was born in April 1843.

iv. Thomas Otey Spradlin, His Possible Wife Letitia F. (Meador) Spradlin And His Wife Sarah O. (Dickerson) Spradlin, And His Descendants

Thomas Otey Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Thomas O. or B.(?) Spradling in the James Spradling household and his age as 5 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed S. (T?) O. Spradlin in the James Spradlin Household and his age as 15 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1845.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas Otey Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin, was born in December 1845, served in the 58th Virginia Infantry in the Civil War, married first possibly Letitia F. Meador on March 16, 1871, at Bedford County, Virginia, although this identification was not certain, and married second Sarah O. Dickerson on January 22, 1829, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Letitia F. (Meador) Spradlin was born in 1852 and died on February 7, 1876, that Sarah O. (Dickerson) Spradlin was born in October 1856, and that Thomas Otey Spradlin and Letitia F. (Meador) Spradlin had the following children:

1) Virginia E. Spradlin, born on February 12, 1872, at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Sirena B. Spradlin, born on December 30, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

that Thomas Otey Spradlin and Sarah O. (Dickerson) Spradlin had the following children:

1) Alonzo D. Spradlin, borin in September 1883, and

2) Bireaf Spradlin, born in July 1892.

v. <u>Lucy Ann Spradlin</u>

Lucy Ann Spradlin was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1850 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Lucy Ann Spradling in the James Spradling household and her age as 1 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed L. A. Spradlin in the James Spradlin Household and her age as 11 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1849.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucy Ann Spradlin was a daughter of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin and was born in July 1848.

vi. William Franklin Pierce Spradlin, His Wife Sarah Virginia "Jennie" (Meador) Spradlin, And His Descendants

William Franklin Pierce Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Lucinda[4])

The 1860 Census for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Wm. F. P. Spradlin in the James Spradlin household and his age as 7 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1853.

In her letter dated June 3, 1981, Ms. Freddie Spradlin enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Franklin Pierce Spradlin was a son of Lucinda (Meador) Spradlin and James Spradlin, was born on June 27, 1853, at Bedford County, Virginia, married Sarah Virginia "Jennie" Meador on June 18, 1873, at Bedford County, Virginia, that Sarah Virginia "Jennie" (Meador) Spradlin was born in 1854, and that they had the following children:

1) Paschal Spradlin, born in 1872(?),

2) Ardelia "Della" M. Spradlin, born on August 2, 1875, at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Leonard L. Spradlin, born on July 25, 1878, at Bedford County, Virginia, and

4) Maud L. Spradlin, born in April 1880.

c. 1880 Joseph Kemp Wright Of Franklin County And His Wife Sarah R. E. (Jordan) Wright

1880 Joseph Kemp Wright of Franklin County was a son of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polly" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The 1833 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Owners Names	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Mch 4	Joseph K Wright	1	-	-

Horses &c &c	___	Amt. of tax $	____
-		-	

The 1834 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
Apl 25	Joseph K Wright	1	-	-

Horses Mules &c	___	Amount of Tax	____
1		.06	

The 1835 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Wright Kemp with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Persons	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
May 5	Joseph Wright Kemp	1	-	-

Horses Mules &c	___	Amt of Tax	____
-		-	

The 1836 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Jos. Wright Kemp with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tyths	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Jos. Wright Kemp	1	-	-

Horses Mules &c	___	Amt of Tax	____
2		.12	

The marriage bond of Joseph K. Wright and Sarah R. E. Jordan was dated on February 8, 1836, at Bedford County, Virginia, with Jeremiah Jordan as surety:

> "Know all men by these presents that we Joseph K. Wright and Jeremiah B Jordan and held and firmly bound unto Littleton W. Tazewell Esq. Governor of the State of Virginia in the Sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made to the Said Governor or his successors in office, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Exors. and admrs. jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 8th day of February 1836.
>
> The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had and Solemnized between the above bound James K. Wright and Sarah R. E. Jordan of Bedford County. If therefore there be no legal

cause to obstruct the same then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Teste
Jno. R. Steptoe

Joseph K Wright
his
Jeremiah X Jordan
mark"

The 1837 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of List	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Blacks over 12 Years	Blacks over 16 Years
	Joseph K Wright	1	-	-

Horses &c	Amt of Tax	
2	.12	

The 1838 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving List	Names of Owners	White Tithes	Blacks over 12 years of age	Blacks over 16 Years
	Joseph K Wright	1	-	-

Horses &c	Amount of Tax	
2	.16	

The 1839 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

_____	Names of Owners	White Tythes	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Slaves over 16 years
	Joseph K Wright	1	1	1

Horses &c	Amount of Tax	____
2	.46	

The 1840 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

1840	Names of Owners	Slaves over 12 years of Age	Horses &c	___	Amount of Taxes
	Joseph K Wright	-	2		.16

The 1840 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed twqo Joseph Wrights, one of whom was Joseph Wright, the son of 1845 John Wright of Franklin County and the other of whom was Joseph Wright, the son of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County with the following household:

Names of Heads of Families	Free White Persons Males	Age	Free White Persons Females	Age
Joseph Wright	1	30-40	1	20-30

Free Colored Persons Male	Age	Free Colored Persons Female	Age	Slaves Males	Age	Slaves Females	Age
						1	10-24

Number of Persons in each Family Employed in						
Total	Mining	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufacture and trades	Navigation of the ocean	Navigation of canals lakes and rivers
3		2				

Learned professions and engineers	Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services included in the foregoing Names	Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons included in the Foregoing		
		Deaf and Dumb Ages	Deaf and Dumb No.	Blind Ages

Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane White Persons Included in the Foregoing [Continued] Insane and Idiots		Deaf and Dumb, Blind and Insane Colored Persons Included in the Foregoing			
		Deaf, Dumb, and Blind		Insane and Idiots	
Insane and idiots at public charge	Insane and idiots at private charge	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	Insane and idiots at private charge	Insane and idiots at public charge

Schools, &c.						
Universities or College	Number of Students	Academies & Grammar Schools	No. of Scholars	Primary and Common Schools	No. of Scholars	No. of Scholars at public charge

No. of white persons over 90 years of age in each family who cannot read or write

The 1841 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males	Slaves above 12 years old
May 17	Joseph K Wright	1	1

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether four wheel or two Wheel riding Carriages phea stage wagons with the Vallue thereof	
1	2		.65

The 1842 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Date of Receiving Lists from Individuals	Persons Names Chargeable With Tax	No of White Males Above 16	Slaves above 12 years old
Ap 25	Joseph K Wright	1	1

Slaves above 16 years old	Horses Mares Mules & Colts	Carriages whether 4 wheel or two wheel riding Carriages Carryall and all others with Vallue thereof	Amount of Tax
1	2		.65

The 1843 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

_____	Names of Persons Taxable	White males over 16 years of age	Slaves over 12 years of age	Slaves over 16 years of age
__ 6	Joseph K Wright	1		

Horses Colts	Carriages Carryalls and Livery wagons	Pianos(?)	Gold watches	Silver Lever watches	Common silver watches
2					

Wooden clocks	Metal Clocks	Amount of tax
		.21

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following property:

Dates of Receiving lists	Persons names Chargeable with tax	White Males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age
17	Joseph K. Wright	1		

Horses &c	No 4 Wheel Pleasure Carriages and value	No of Carryalls & value	No. Gold Watches	No. Silver Laver or Lapine Watches	No. Other Watches
2					

No. Clocks at 50 Cents	No. Clocks at 25 Cents	No. Pianos and Value	Physicians paying a specific tax	Gold & Silver plate	Interest Received

Deeds Wills & letters of Admns	Total Amount of Tax
	.25

The 1845 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Joseph K Wright	1	1	1

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value
2				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, pre__ or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				.54½

The 1846 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following household:

Persons Chargeable With tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age	Horses, mules, &c
Joseph K Wright	1			2

4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value, including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value	Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches

Other watches	Mettalic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax

Dentists paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int. or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds	Am't of monied income over $400, received or salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100

Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses, and amount of tax	Total am't of tax Dollars Cents
		.20

In October 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/265 Joseph K. Wright acted as security for the appointment of Marbell N. Dent as guardian of Amanda Lee Jordan:

> "Amanda Lee Jordan being over fourteen years of age came into Court and made choice of Marbell N. Dent as her guardian whereupon the said Marbell N. Dent together with Joseph K. Wright and John Huddleston his Securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned according to law."

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

____	_____	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Joseph K Wright	1	3	3

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness & value	Stages and value including harness	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and Harness, & value	Gold watches
3				

Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50

Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges Value	Ferries Value	Newspapers value	
				1.26

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
April 3	Joseph K Wright	1	2	2

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
2				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax amt of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				.84

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

___	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Joseph K Wright	1		2	2

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
2				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profit or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount tax. Dollars Cents
			.84

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following household on September 27, 1850:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joseph K. Wright	40	M		Farmer	$350
Sarah Wright	39	F			

Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
Virginia				
Virginia				

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Joseph K. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run Creek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner . . . ."

The 1857 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph Kemp with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Joseph Kemp	Franklin	fee	135	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Run	12 NW	6.00	100	810.00	3.24

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

This record reflects the inheritance of land under the will of his father 1855 Wright Wright.

The 1858 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Joseph K Wright	Franklin	fee	135	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Creek	12 NE	6.00	100	810.00	3.24

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1859 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Joseph K Wright	Franklin	fee	135	

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
Indian Creek	1 NW	6.00	100	810.00	3.24

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration

The 1860 Land Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following property:

Owner	Residence	Estate	# of Acres	Name of Tract
Joseph K. Wright	Franklin	Fee	100	By Recent Survey(?)

Description	Distance from CH	Value	Sum Added	Total Value	Amt of Tax
	12 NE	6.00	100	600.00	2.40

Amount of Tax	Explanation of Alteration
	corrected(?) [unreadable]

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following household on August 29, 1860:

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Value of Real Estate
Joseph K. Wright	50	M		Farmer	1000
Sarah R. Wright	49	F			

Value of Personal Property	Place of Birth	Married Within Year	Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read & Write	Deaf Dumb Blind Insane etc.
2165	Va				
	Va				

The 1860 Census Slave Schedules for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following slaves:

Names of Slave Owners	No of Slaves	Age	Sex	Color	Fugitives from the State
Joseph K. Wright	1	63	F	B	
	1	30	M	B	

Number manumitted	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic	No. of Slave houses

On April 27, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 27/25 Henry S. Wright sold his interest in the estate of Rite Wright to Joseph K. Wright:

> "This deed made this 27th day of April in the year 1861 between Henry S. Wright of the one part and Joseph K. Wright of the other part, both of the County of Franklin in the state of Virginia Witnesseth that the the said Henry S. Wright doth grant unto the said Joseph K. Wright with general warranty all the following property, namely, all the estate devised and bequeathed to the said Henry S. Wright by his father Rite Wright now deceased, by the last will and testament of the said Rite Wright, which has been duly admitted to probat in the County Court of Franklin County, one gray horse, bridle and saddle now in the possession of the said Henry S. Wright, all the bricks, supposed to be about sixty thousand,

contained in a brick kiln now on the land on which Mary Wright the mother of the said Henry S. Wright now lives and one parcel of shingles, supposed to be seven thousand, now on the same land, in trust to secure the payment of the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars with interest one five hundred part thereof from the 14th of Febuary 1857 and with interest on fifty dollars the residue thereof from the 1st of September 1857, to Charles Chewning, also to secure and save harmless James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright as securites of the said Henry S. Wright on a bond for eight hundred and twenty eight dollars executed to Angeline F. E. T. W. Turner about the 1st of January 1861, also to secure the payment of two hundred and seventy three dollars with interest thereon from the 1st February 1861 to Fleming J. T. Wright due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Fleming J. T. Wright, also to secure the payment of three hundred dollars to Mary A. F. S. Wright due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Mary A. F. S. Wright, also to secure the payment of eighteen dollars and sixty four cents to Thomas Franklin, with interest thereon from this day, due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Thomas Franklin. And then upon this further trust that the said Joseph K. Wright shall as soon as he shall be requested by any of the above mentioned creditors or sureties, sell the bricks, shingles, house, bridle and saddle mentioned above, at public auction on a credit of six months and out of the money arising therefrom first pay the expenses of said sale and then apply the residue to the payment of the debts above mentioned as far as it will go. And then upon this further trust that if any of the said debts or any part thereof remain unpaid on the 1st day of November 1862, or if before that time the said James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright or either of them shall have been compelled to pay the debt aforesaid on which they are securities, or any part thereof, then the said Joseph K. Wright shall as soon as he shall be required by any of the said creditors or surities, after the said 1st day of November 1862 sell all the Estate above mentioned devised and bequeathed by Rite Wright by his last will and testament to the said Henry S. Wright, at public auction on a credit of twelve months, and out of the money arising thereform first pay all the expenses of carrying out this trust, then pay all the debts above mentioned, or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, and to the said James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whatever amount they may have been compelled to pay as surities as aforesaid with any interest and costs which shall have accrued thereon. If the property hereby conveyed shall not sell for money enough to pay all the debts aforesaid, then the said trustee shall apportion said money to the payment of said debts pro rata, it being intended to place all said debts upon an equal footing. If the said property shall sell for more money than will be required to pay said debts and the expenses of carying out this trust, then the said trustee shall pay such surplus to the said Henry S. Wright, his personal representatives, or assigns. But the said trustee must advertise the time and place of sale of the horse, saddle, bridle, bricks and shingles for at least fifteen days before the time of such sale, and he must advertise the time and place of sale of the other property herein conveyed, at

least one month before the time of such sale. Witness the following signature and seal

Henry S. Wright

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court on the 27th day of April 1861

This deed of trust from H. S. Wright to Joseph K. Wright for the purposes herein expressed was acknowledged in said office by said H. S. Wright and admitted to record as to him.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C. F. C."

On April 15, 1876, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 32/63 Joseph K. Wright purchased 13 acres of land from Jonas and Susan Meador:

"This deed made this the 15th day of April 1876 between Jonas Meador and Susan his wife of the one part and Joseph K. Wright of the other part all of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia Witnesseth That for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred and fifty Dollars and ten cents to them in hand paid receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Jonas Meador and Susan his wife do grant Sell and convey to Joseph K Wright with general Warranty three parcels or tracts of land adjoining each other lying and being in the county of Franklin in the State of Virginia on the waters of Indian Run being parts of the tract upon which Jonas Meador now resides the first bounded as follows beginning at A on the bank of Indian Run at the Mouth of Jesse Meadors old Spring branch thence up the Said branch S 51° 30' E 6.80 poles to B a small persimmon tree thence N 32° E 30.80 poles to C a poplar on the bank of Indian Run thence N 18° 30' E 37 poles to D a black oak thence S 58° W 7 poles to E a black oak thence S 31° 10' W 30 poles to F a Willow Stump on the bank of Puckets branch thence S 36° 30' W 6 poles to said Indian Run thence up the same as it meanders S 24° 30' W 19.50 poles to a the beginning containing 3 acres and 7 poles, the second beginning at a white oak on the main road thence S 60 1/2° W 41 1/2 poles to pointers in Wrights line thence with same N 2° E 10 poles to a white oak thence N 6 1/2 W 17 poles to a locust stake in the hollow thence N 16° W 32 poles to a broken top red oak thence N 19° W 26 poles to a rock on the old road thence with the old road N 72° E 9 poles thence S 59 1/2° E 20 poles thence across the public road S 34 E 17 poles and with same S 25° E 18 poles to a red oak Stump S 20° E 12 poles and S 33° E 12 1/2 poles to the beginning containing 13 acres and 5 poles the third beginning at a white oak on the road leading from Teels Mills to McGuires Store and on the corner of Jonas Meadors land thence with Meadors line S 68° W 59 poles 12 links to a rock pile on Wrights old line thence N 2 1/2° W 22 po 5 links to pointers thence N 59 1/2

E 40 po to white oak on the road thence with road S 38° E 15 po 5 links thence S 43° E 15 po 20 links to the beginning Containning 7 acres 3 roods and 27 po Witness the following Signatures & Seals

his
Jonas X Meador
mark
her
Susan X Meador
mark

State of Virginia
Frankling County to wit

We John W Price and Luke Perdue Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid do certify that Jonas Meador whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 15th day of April 1876 personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and we do certify that Susan Meador whose name is signed to the writing above also personally appeared before us in our county aforesaid and after being privily examined by us apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and that she had willingly done the same and did not wish to retract it Given under our hands this 15th day of April 1876

John W Price J. P.
Luke Perdue J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office the 7th day of August 1876

This deed from Jonas Meador and Susan Meador his wife to Joseph K Wright was exhibited in said Office and admitted to record

Teste.
Jas. J. Carper, C. F. C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Joseph K. Wright with the following household on June 3 or 4, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
Joseph K. Wright	W	M	70		
Sarah R. Wright	W	F	68		Wife
Thomas Harman	W	M	44		Servant
Henrietta Turner	B	F	18		Servant
Robt L Dent	B	M	6		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
M		Farmer		
M		Keeping House		
S		Farm Hand		
D		Domestic Work		Idiotic
S				

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Va	Va	Va
		1	Va	Va	Va
	1	1	Va	Va	Va
	1	1	Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va

On November 24, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/114 Judith P. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright sold their interest in the land of Joseph K. Wright to Angeline F. Ferguson and her children:

> "This deed made this 24th day of November 1880 witness that for and in consideration of the sume of one hundread dollars each to us in hand paid wheareof the receipt is by us acknowledge we Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright, & Fleming J. T. Wright of Franklin County state of Virginia do hearby sell & convey our intire intrust to Anjerline F Ferguson during her natural life and then to hear children the issue of her body of the county and state aforesaid the following named real estate, viz a tract of land willed by Rite Wright decd to Joseph K. Wright during his life after his death to the above named legatees of Rite Wright decd bounded as follows ling and being on Indian Run adjoining the

lands of Jonas Meador, V. Woyler, & others to have and to hole with general warrenty during her natural life and after her death to her children the issue of her boddy to have and to holed in thear own right free from all debts contracted by her husband heretofore or hereafter & free from all restrition whatsoever. Witness our hand & seal this the day and date above ritten

Judith P. Wright
Henry S. Wright
Fleming J. T. Wright

County of Franklin
State of Virginia

We, O. M. Tench an G. W Price Justices of the Peace in and for the said county do certify that Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whose names are signed to the writing within bareing date on the 24th day of November 1880 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and acknowledged the same before us. Given under under our hands the 24th day of November 1880

O. M. Tench J. P.
G. W. Price J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 10th day of May 1882

This deed from Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright to Angeline Ferguson was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper C. F. C."

This record indicates that Joseph Kemp Wright had died after the taking of this census on June 3, 1880, and probably before the execution of the deed on November 24, 1880. While it is possible that the remainder beneficiaries of this interest in land sold their interest prior to the death of Joseph Kemp Wright, the 1900 Census set forth below indicates that Sarah (Jordan) Wright was then a widow, confirming the death of Joseph Kemp Wright before 1900. Since Joseph Kemp Wright was residing in Franklin County in 1880, the place of death was probably at Franklin County, Virginia.

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Sally Wright with the following household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling	Number of family in	Name of each person whose place
Street	House Number	houses in the order of visitation	the order of visition	of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
		36	36	Sally Wright
				Henrietta Turner

Relation	Personal Description					
Relationship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	F	Sep	1809	90	Wd
Servant	B	F	Octo	1860	39	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
0			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immi-gration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Natural-ization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Servant		

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	R		H	
No	No	Yes				

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy included notes prepared by her grandmother Mary Rachel (Childress) Newbill, a daughter of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress, for a Newbill family genealogy which identified one of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress' brothers as "Kemp". Mrs. Mealloy also stated that Joseph K. Wright was known by her family as "Uncle Kemp".

Genealogy Of John J. Wright Of Virginia, Indiana and Kansas by John Calvin Wright stated that:

> "Joseph[8] K. son of Right[7] Wright was born in 1809-10 in Franklin County, Virginia. He married Sarah R. ____. Sarah was born in Franklin County in 1810-11. Joseph K. and Sarah are listed in the U. S. Census of 1850 on page 202 as family No. 609. They had no children. They are also listed in the census of 1860 as aged 50 and 49, and without children. According to the Will of "Rite" Wright, Joseph K. was his eldest son and to him was bequeathed the plantation on which Joseph was then residing. This land lay on Indian Run in the North east part of the County. At the time the U. S. Census of 1860 was taken Joseph and Sarah were living alone and their ages were given as 50 aned 49 years respectfully."

d. Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress, Her Husbands John T. B. Turner And Abram Childress, And Her Descendants

Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress was a daughter of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polley" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The marriage record of Jane Wright, daughter of Rite, and John T. B. Turner was dated on February 4, 1836, at Franklin County, Virginia, with Fleming J. T. Wright as surety:

"To the Clerk of Franklin Cort

This will certify that I have Give liberty for licence to be Ishued to authorised to celebration of marrige between my daughter Jane Wright And John T Turner Given from under my hand this fourth day of February 1839

Rite Wright

Know all men by these presents that we Jno T B Turner and Fleming J T. Wright are held and firmly bound unto David Campbell Esq Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his successors in office in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors & administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated the 4th day of February 1839

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Jno T B Turner hath this day obtained from the Clerk of Franklin County Court a licence for his intermarriage with Jane Wright of said county now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

John T B. Turner
Fleming J T Wright"

On January 12, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/148 John T. B. Turner executed a deed of trust to Fleming J. T. Wright to secure Thomas Brown:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 12th day of January in the year 1843 between John T. B. Turner of the County of Bedford of the first part, Fleming J. T. Wright of the County of Franklin of the second part, and Thomas Brown of the County of Cumberland of the third part, all of the State of Virginia, Whereas the said John T. B. Turner is justly indebted to the said Thomas Brown in the sum of about three hundred and twenty one dollars due by bond on demand dated in February in the year 1837, and whereas the said Thomas Brown stands bound as the security of the said John T. B. Turner as Guardian of Mary A. E. and Nancy M. G. Turner in a bond executed to the justices of Cumberland County in the penalty of four thousand dollars; and also stands bound as security for the said John T. B. Turner in a bond executed to Rhoda Babor in the year 1837 for the sum of one hundred dollars and the said John T. B. Turner being willing and desirous to secure to the said Thomas Brown the payment of the aforesaid debt of about three hundred and twenty one dollars with the interest that has accrued thereon, and also to indemnify and save harmless the said Thomas Brown by reason of his securityship aforesaid. Now this Indenture

witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the premises, and for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to him the said John T. B. Turner in hand paid by the said Fleming J. T. Wright at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said John T. B. Turner has granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, and sell, unto the said Fleming J. T. Wright, the following real and personal property to wit: two tracts of land lying and being in the County of Bedford on Staunton river, one containing one hundred and thirty five acres, and the other containing two hundred and ten acres, which said tracts of land lying adjoining each other, and adjoin the lands of Right Wright, William Tommerson, and Lewis Morgan. together with all the privilidges and appertenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, which said tract of one hundred and thirty five acres was purchased by the said Turner of David Dickinson and conveyed to him by deed of record in the County Court Clerks Office of Bedford County, and the other tract of two hundred and ten acres was purchased by the said Turner of Littlebury Wright, and conveyed to him by deed of record in the County Court Clerks Office of Bedford County to which said deeds reference is hereby made for a more full and particular discription of the said land. also four slaves to wit, Matilda a woman of about 38 years of age, and her three children Louisa a girl about 17 years old. Hank a boy about nine years old, and Greenberry a boy about three, and the future increase of the said slaves, also one four horse waggon and gear, five head of horses, to wit, one sorrel mare, one bay colt, one bay mare, one bay horse and one grey horse, three cows and calves, twenty five head of hogs, fourteen head of Sheep, two turning ploughs, two shovel ploughs, two coulters, four feather beds, bedsteads and furniture, one eight day metal clock, one bureau, one chest, five split bottom chairs, three pots, one oven, one skillet, and the remainder of his household and kitchen furniture, also all his stock of corn about 50 or 60 barrels, and about 1700 lbs pork, 6 Stacks of fodder, and all his crop of tobacco consisting of three houses. To have and to hold the aforesaid real and personal property to him the said Fleming J. T. Wright his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever; and the said John T. B. Turner doth covenant to and with the aforesaid Fleming J. T. Wright that he has a good and perfect title to the aforesaid property herein conveyed to him. that he is lawfully seized in fee of the aforesaid tracts of land. that the aforesaid property is free from incumbrance, that he has a good and perfect right to sell the same and that he will, and his heirs, executors, and administrators, shall forever warrant and defend, the title to the aforesaid real and personal property, and all the appurtinances and priviledges to the real property, and to each, and every part and parcel of the personal property, to him the said Fleming J. T. Wright his heirs, executors, administrators, & assigns free from the claims of all persons whomsoever. Upon trust nevertheless, that the said Fleming J. T. Wright in the event the said Thomas Brown has not been paid the aforesaid sums of money which is hereby intended to be secured to him, and in the event he is not relieved from his liability as security aforesaid, upon being requested by

said Brown shall at any time upon giving three weeks notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement in a Lynchburg paper and by other advertisements in a manner calculated to give publicity to the sale, proceed to sell the aforesaid real and personal property, or as much thereof as may be sufficient to the highest bidder for ready money, and out of the proceeds thereof, after paying the expenses incident to the trust then to pay to the said Thomas Brown the amount of the aforesaid debt due to him from the said Turner with all the interest that has accrued thereon, and then pay to him such amounts as he may still be bound for by reason of his securityship aforesaid, and the remainder if any, pay to the said John T. B. Turner his executors, administrators, or assigns. In witness whereof the parties hereto have set their hands and affixed their seals this day and year first above written.

John T. B. Turner
Fleming J. T. Wright

In Bedford County Court Clerks Office January 12th 1843. This deed of trust from John T. B. Turner to Fleming J. T. Wright, for the benifit of Thomas Brown, was produced in Office, acknowledged by said Turner & Wright and admitted to record.

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.B.C."

In June 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/148 Fleming J. T. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

"On the motion of Fleming J. T. Wright who made oath and together with Abram Childress his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand five hundred dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of John T. B. Turner Deceased in due form."

In August 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/169 commissioners were appointed to allot the dower estate of Jane Turner, widow of John T. B. Turner:

"Ordered that Edmund McGeorge, Thomas Kasey, James Wright and Jeremiah Jordan or any three of them, be appointed Commissioners to lay off and allot to Jane Turner Widow of John T. B. Turner Deceased her dower in the lands of said decedant, and make report to Court."

On November 26, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/461 Jane Turner purchased 210 acres of land from Fleming J. T. Wright:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 26" day of November in the year 1843 between Fleming J T Wright of the first part and Jane Turner of the second part, both of the County of Bedford, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty five dollars and twenty five cents to him in hand paid by the said Jane Turner the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Fleming J T Wright has granted bargained and sold and by these presents does grant bargain and sell to the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford and consisting of one hundred and thirty five acres be the same more or less which said tract or parcel of land lies on Beaverdam creek and Staunton river and adjoins the land of Rite Wright on the north and Thomas I Thomasson on the west and was conveyed to him the said Fleming J. T. Wright in a deed of trust executed to him by John T B Turner and duly recorded in the Clerks office of Bedford County To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all the rights and privileges thereunto attached or belonging to her the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever and unto the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns the said Fleming J. T. Wright for himself, his heirs executors administrators and assigns all right and title conveyed to him by the said deed of trust from John T B Turner he will forever warrant and defend by these presents. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year first above written
>
> Fleming J T. Wright
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> At a Court held for Bedford County the 27" day of November 1843.
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> This Indenture of bargain and sale from Fleming J. T. Wright trustee to Jane Turner was produced in Court acknowledged by said Wright and ordered to be recorded
>
> Teste
> Ro S Mitchell CBC"

In March 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/253 the commissioners were ordered to settle the account of Fleming J. T. Wright as administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

> "Ordered that one of the Commissioners of this Court state and settle the account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his Administrator and make report to Court."

In January 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/106 Thomas Kasey was appointed commissioner to settle the account of Fleming J. T. Wright as administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

> "Ordered that Thomas Kasey after being first Sworn state and settle the account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his admr. and make report to court."

In May 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/486 an accounting for the estate of John T. B. Turner by Fleming J. T. Wright was filed with the court:

> "An account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his administrator produced in Court and ordered to lie till next Court for exceptions"

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Jane Wright in the Right Wright household and her age as 40 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1810.

Marriage Bonds Of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858 by Marshall Wingfield stated that the marriage bond of Abram Childress and Jane Turner was dated on July 11, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, with Pleasant Brown as surety.

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming J. T. Wright in the Right Wright household and his age as 28 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1822.

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Jane Childress as one of his children:

> ". . . . Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run Creek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner
> . . . .

Eighthly. I Will and bequeathe to my Daghter Jane Childress five Dollars to be paid by my Executors after the Death of her Mother."

The will of Wright Wright made a specific bequest to his daughter Jane Childress of five dollars to be paid after the death of her mother. The will also made a bequest "to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner". The will referred to Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. N. T. K. Turner as Wright Wright's grandchildren in the next line. The confusing reference in the will is resolved if the comma after the name of Jane Childress was actually an apostrophe which had been miscopied and the two grandchildren were Jane Childress' children by a prior marriage to a Turner. As will be set forth below, this solution is confirmed by the will of Jane Childress.

The will of Abram Childress was dated December 17, 1866, and probated on July 1, 1867, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 15/28 and listed his wife Jane and daughter Mary R., thereby identifying him as her second husband. The will of Abram Childress provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen I Abram Childress of the County of Franklin in the State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory but feeble in body do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any made on a prior date and

First - I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid.

Second - I desire that my daughter Mary R shall have two good beds and furniture.

Third - I desire and direct that my wife Jane shall have such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may select to be taken by her at valuation and held by her during her lifetime or widowhood but in case of her death or marriage to be given to my daughter Mary R.

Fourth - Of the remainder of my perishable property not herein above mentioned I desire and direct that my wife Jane shall take one third at valuation or at such price as she may be able to purchase when exposed to sale.

Fifth - I desire and direct that my daughter Mary R shall have all the remainder of my perishable property.

Sixth - I desire and request that James H. Turner be appointed guardian for my daughter Mary and that he superintend and direct her education.

Seventh - I do hereby consitute and appoint James H Turner my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 17th day of December 1866.

Witnesses Abram Childress
B N Hatcher
W G Wilkinson

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on the 1st day of July 1867.

This Last Will and Testament of Abram Childress Deceased was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Benjamin N Hatcher and W G Wilkinson the subscribing witnesses hereto and admitted to record. And on the motion of James H Turner the Executor named in said will who made oath and executed bond with surety according to law, certificate is granted him to obtain a probate of said Will in due form."

The will of Jane Childress was dated on May 28, 1880, and probated on September 6, 1880 at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. __/__, and which referred to the decedent's three children, James A. Turner, Mollie Newbill, and Angeline Ferguson, wife of Thomas B. Ferguson, and appointed Jane' brother F. J. T. Wright as executor. The children's names of Angeline and James and the identification of F. J. T. Wright as the decedent's brother clearly identify this Jane Childress as the daughter of Rite Wright. The will provided as follows:

"In the name of God Amen:

I, Jane Childress of the County of Franklin State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainties of life and the certainty of death do herby make and publish this, my last will and testament in the manner and form following, to wit:

First: I desire that all my personal property be sold, and from the proceeds of said sale that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son James A. Turner and to my daughter Mollie Newbill each Five dollars, to be paid out of any money that may be left, after carrying out the provisions of Article First.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Angaline Ferguson, wife of Thos. B. Ferguson all the interest which I have in real estate, whether land, proceeds of sale of land or rent, which may be now due, or which may be due at any time hereafter, consisting of a tract of land, bought from Thos. B. Ferguson known as the Ayler Place, adjoining the lands of Jonas Meador Valentine Ayler & others, the balance of the purchase money due on a tract of land sold Chrs. Ellis known as the Pollard place, adjoining the land of Chs. Chewning John T. Thurman & others, and all rents which may be due me at the time of my decease and any personal effects that I may leave, not otherwise disposed of, all to be held by her in her own right, to be used in any way that she may think proper

Fourthly: I do hereby consitute and appoint my dearly beloved brother F. J. T. Wright as executor and my daughter Anjuline Ferguson as Executrix of this, my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto fixed my hand and seal this 28th day of May A.D. 1880.

signed and acknowledge)
in the presence of us,)
as witnesses.)
F. J. T. Wright)
M. E. Ferguson

her
Jane X Childress
mark

At a County Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse on Monday the 6th day of September 1880,

The last will and Testament of Jane Childress deceased was produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of F J T Wright and M E Ferguson the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and F J T Wright and Angeline Ferguson the Executor and Executrix named in said will refusing to take upon themselves the Execution thereof, on motion of Thomas B Ferguson who made oath and Executed bond in the penalty of Fifty dollars conditioned as prescribed by law with F J T Wright and James W. Wilson as his sureties (which bond was acnowledged in Court by the obligors) certificate is granted him to obtain letters of administration in the estate of the said Jane Childress deceased with her will annexed in due form

Teste
Jas J Carper CFC"

The death certificate of Mary C. Newbill dated November 25, 1941, at Wirtz, Franklin County, Virginia, also identified her parents as Abram Childress and Jane Wright.

A declaration by Mamie Sanders Mealoy dated October 26, 1976, described a tombstone of Jane Childress on a family graveyard on a farm 15 miles north of Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Virginia, which recited that Jane Childress was born May 27, 1811, died May 20, 1890, and was married to John T. B. Turner and Abram Childress. The date of death almost certainly should be 1880, not 1890. Cemetery Records Of Franklin County, Virginia, listed the same tombstone with the date of death in 1880.

A gravestone at Dalton Altice's farm (Franklin County, Virginia?) copied by Mrs. Thomas Carroll Newbill listed John T. B. Turner 1818-1843 adjacent to a single stone with the following names:

"1855
Rite Wright
Mary Wright
Joseph H. (K?) Wright
Sallie Wright
Fleming Wright
Henry S. Wright
Mary A. Wright
1900"

Cemetery Records Of Franklin County, Virginia listed the following tombstone for Jane Childress at the Newbill Cemetery on Route 122:

"Jane Childress
b. May 27, 1811
d. May 28, 1880
(Wife of John T.B. Turner & Abram Childress)"

Genealogy Of John J. Wright Of Virginia, Indiana and Kansas by John Calvin Wright stated that:

"Jane[8] daughter of Right[7] Wright was born in 1809-10 in Franklin County, Virginia. She married 1st John T. B. Turner on Feb. 4, 1839. John died before July 11, 1851. The marriage bond was signed by Jane's brother Fleming J. T. Wright. In his Will dated Dec. 28, 1852, "Rite" Wright bequeathes "to my daughter Jane (Turner) Childress five dollars to be paid by my Executors after

the death of her mother. Jane married 2nd Abraham Childress on July 11, 1851. The marriage bond was signed by Rev. Pleasant Brown who also performed the marriage ceremony.

Children of Jane[8] and John:

I Angeline[9] born about 1840 in Franklin County, Va.
II James W. born about 1842 in Franklin County, Va."

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and John T. B. Turner were the following:

1) Angelina F. E. T. W. (Turner) Ferguson, born about 1840, and

2) James W. J. N. S. K. Turner, born about 1841.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below the children of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and Abram Childress were the following:

1) Richard Childress, and

2) Mary "Mollie" Rachel (Childress) Newbill, born on January 27, 1857, at Franklin County, Virginia.

I. Angelina F. E. T. W. (Turner) Ferguson, Her Husband Thomas Benjamin Ferguson, And Her Descendants

Angelina F. E. T. W. (Turner) Ferguson was a daughter of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Ferguson and John T. B. Turner. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Jane[4])

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner as her grandchild:

". . . . Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run 5reek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner.

Fourthly. I Will and bequeathe to Judith P. Wright and my two Grand Children Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. N. T. K. Turner my tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, adjoining the lands of Jefferson Thomason, William Thomason, James Dickinson and others, one half to belong to Judith P Wright and the other half to be equally divided between Angelina and John W. Turner. . . ."

The will of Jane Childress dated May 28, 1880, and probated on September 6, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. __/__ identified Angeline Ferguson as her daughter:

". . . . Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Angaline Ferguson, wife of Thos. B. Ferguson all the interest which I have in real estate, whether land, proceeds of sale of land or rent, which may be now due, or which may be due at any time hereafter, consisting of a tract of land, bought from Thos. B. Ferguson known as the Ayler Place, adjoining the lands of Jonas Meador Valentine Ayler & others, the balance of the purchase money due on a tract of land sold Chrs. Ellis known as the Pollard place, adjoining the land of Chs. Chewning John T. Thurman & others, and all rents which may be due me at the time of my decease and any personal effects that I may leave, not otherwise disposed of, all to be held by her in her own right, to be used in any way that she may think proper

Fourthly: I do hereby consitute and appoint my dearly beloved brother F. J. T. Wright as executor and my daughter Anjuline Ferguson as Executrix of this, my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto fixed my hand and seal this 28th day of May A.D. 1880. . . ."

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy enclosed family group sheets which stated that Angeline Turner was a daughter of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and John T. B. Turner, was born about 1840, married Thomas Benjamin Ferguson, and died in 1937 in Texas and that they had the following children:

1) Blanche (Ferguson) Denton,
2) John O. or D. Ferguson,
3) Oscar Ferguson,
4) Illa or Ella Ferguson,
5) Mollie Ferguson,
6) Jimmie Ferguson,
7) Luther Ferguson,

8) Morah Ferguson, and

9) Sallie Ferguson.

ii. James W. J. N. S. K. Turner, His Wife Josephine (Glossbrenner) Turner, And His Descendants

James W. J. N. S. K. Turner was a son of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and John T. B. Turner. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Jane[4])

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed John W. J. N. T. K. Turner as his grandchild:

> ". . . . Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run 5reek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner.
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> Fourthly. I Will and bequeathe to Judith P. Wright and my two Grand Children Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. N. T. K. Turner my tract of land lying in the County of Bedford, adjoining the lands of Jefferson Thomason, William Thomason, James Dickinson and others, one half to belong to Judith P Wright and the other half to be equally divided between Angelina and John W. Turner. . . ."

The will of Jane Childress dated May 28, 1880, and probated on September 6, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. __/__ identified James A. Turner as her son:

> ". . . . Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son James A. Turner and to my daughter Mollie Newbill each Five dollars, to be paid out of any money that may be left, after carrying out the provisions of Article First. . . ."

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy enclosed family group sheets which stated that James H. Turner was a son of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and John T. B. Turner, was born about 1841, married Josephine

(Glossbrenner) Turner, was a dentist, and died in 1934 at Ruxton, Maryland, and that they had the following children:

1) Lenore Turner,
2) Grace Turner,
3) Frank Turner, and
4) Jennie May Turner.

iii. Richard Childress

Richard Childress was a son of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and Abram Childress. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Jane[4])

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy enclosed family group sheets which stated that Richard Childress was a son of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and Abram Childress and died in infancy.

iv. Mary "Mollie" Rachel (Childress) Newbill, Her Husband Thomas Parker Newbill, And Her Descendants

Mary "Mollie" Rachel (Childress) Newbill was a daughter of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and Abram Childress. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3], Jane[4])

The will of Abram Childress dated December 17, 1866, and probated on July 1, 1867, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 15/28 listed Mary R. Childress as his daughter:

> ". . . . Second - I desire that my daughter Mary R shall have two good beds and furniture.
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> Third - I desire and direct that my wife Jane shall have such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may select to be taken by her at valuation and held by her during her lifetime or widowhood but in case of her death or marriage to be given to my daughter Mary R.
> . . . .
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> Fifth - I desire and direct that my daughter Mary R shall have all the remainder of my perishable property.

Sixth - I desire and request that James H. Turner be appointed guardian for my daughter Mary and that he superintend and direct her education. . . ."

The will of Jane Childress dated May 28, 1880, and probated on September 6, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. __/__ identified Mollie Newbill as her daughter:

". . . .Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son James A. Turner and to my daughter Mollie Newbill each Five dollars, to be paid out of any money that may be left, after carrying out the provisions of Article First. . . ."

The death certificate of Mary C. Newbill was dated on November 25, 1941, at Franklin County, Virginia, and provided as follows:

"Place of Death
County: Franklin
____ District Gills Creek
City or town: Wirtz, Va R.F.D.
Usual Residence of Deceased
State: Virginia
County: Franklin
City or town Wirtz R.F.D.
Full Name: Mary C. Newbill
Color or race: White
Single, married, widowed, divorced: Widowed
Name of husband or wife: T. P. Newbill
Date of birth of deceased: Jany 27th 1857
Age: 84 years 9 months 29 days
____: Franklin Va
____: Housewife
____: Abram Childress
____: Franklin Va
Maiden name: Jane Wright
Birthplace: Franklin Va
Informant's own signature: D. C. Newbill
Address: Wirtz, Va
_____: Burial
Place: Family Grounds 11-26-41
____: Peak & Angle
Address: Rocky Mount, Va
____ Dec 17 1941 J H ____
Medical Certification
Date of Death: November 23 1944 at 8:20 a.m.

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Sept 1941 to Nov 25 1941; that I last saw her alive on Nov 24, 1941 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above
Immediate cause of death: Intestinal obstruction
Due to carcinoma of rectum
Other conditions: ____ arterio sclerosis
Name of operation: none
__ of autopsy: none

S L R____
Moneta Va Dec 6 41"

Cemetery Records Of Franklin County, Virginia listed the following tombstones for Thomas Parker Newbill and Mary Rachel (Childress) Newbill at the Newbill Cemetery on Route 122:

"Thomas Parker Newbill
b. June 12, 1851
d. September 8, 1926"

"Mary Rachel Childress Newbill
b. January 27, 1857
d. November 25, 1941"

In her letter dated February 10, 1978, Mrs. Sandy Mealoy enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary "Mollie" Rachel (Childress) Newbill was a daughter of Jane (Wright) (Turner) Childress and Abram Childress, was born on January 27, 1857, at Franklin County, Virginia, married Thomas Parker Newbill on April 25, 1878, at Taylors Store, Franklin County, Virginia, died on November 25, 1941, at Wirtz, Franklin County, Virginia, and was buried at the Childress-Newbill Family Cemetery, Wirtz, Franklin County, Virginia, that Thomas Parker Newbill was born on June 12, 1851, at Franklin County, Virginia, died on September 8, 1926, at Franklin County, Virginia, and was buried in the Childress-Newbill Family Cemetery, Wirtz, Franklin County, Virginia, and that they had the following children:

1) Anne Thalia (Newbill) Chitwood, born on February 3, 1879, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

2) Harry Alexander Newbill, born on August 22, 1880, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

3) Margaret Dickerson (Newbill) Nelson, born on December 9, 1882, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

4) James Childress Newbill, born on October 29, 1885, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

5) Olivia Simmons Newbill, born on February 4, 1887, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

6) Josephine Angeline (Newbill) Sanders, born on March 29, 1890, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

7) Eugene Norman Newbill, born on February 3, 1892, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia,

8) Thomas Carroll Newbill, born on October 11, 1894, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia, and

9) Daniel Clarence Newbill, born on February 14, 1898, at Penhook, Franklin County, Virginia.

e. Judith P. (Wright) Wright, Her Husband 1877 James Wright of Franklin County, And Her Descendants

Judith P. Wright was a daughter of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polley" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

Judith P. Wright and her husband 1877 James Wright of Franklin County, the son of 1850 Tommey Wright of Bedford County, have been discussed above and the reader is referred to that section for information on the family.

f. 1900 Fleming J. T. Wright Of Franklin County

1900 Fleming J. T. Wright of Franklin County was a son of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polley" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

On January 12, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/148 Fleming J. T. Wright acted as trustee on a deed of trust executed by John T. B. Turner.

In June 1843 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/148 Fleming J. T. Wright was appointed administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

> "On the motion of Fleming J. T. Wright who made oath and together with Abram Childress his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand five hundred dollars conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of John T. B. Turner Deceased in due form."

On November 25, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/459 Fleming J. T. Wright sold 210 acres of land to Thomas I. Thompson:

> "This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of November in the year 1843 between Fleming J. T Wright of the first part, and Thomas I. Thompson of the second part both of the County of Bedford Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred and fifty six dollars to him in hand paid by the said Thomas I Thomasson the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Fleming J T Wright has granted, bargained and sold and by these presents does grant bargain and sell to the said Thomas I Thompson his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford and consisting of two hundred and ten acres be the same more or less which said tract or parcel of land adjoins the lands of William Thomasson on the north the lands of Rite Wright and Jane Turner on the east Staunton river on the south and the lands of Lewis Morgan on the west which said tract or parcel of land was conveyed to Shaw (?) the said Fleming J T. Wright as trustee by a deed of trust executed to him by John T B Turner and duly recorded in the Clerks office of Bedford County. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all the rights and privileges thereunto attached or belonging to him the said Thomas I. Thomasson his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever and unto the said Thomas I Thomasson his heirs executors administrators and assigns the said Fleming J T. Wright for himself his heirs executors administrators and assigns all right and title conveyed to him by the said deed of trust from John T B Turner he will forever warrant and defend by these presents. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year above written
>
> Fleming J T. Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of November 1842

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Fleming J. T. Wright trustee to Thomas I. Thomasson was produced in court acknowledged by said Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro. C. Mitchell C.BC"

On November 26, 1843, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 30/461 Fleming J. T. Wright sold 135 acres of land to Jane Turner:

"This Indenture made and entered into this 26" day of November in the year 1843 between Fleming J T Wright of the first part and Jane Turner of the second part, both of the County of Bedford, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty five dollars and twenty five cents to him in hand paid by the said Jane Turner the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Fleming J T Wright has granted bargained and sold and by these presents does grant bargain and sell to the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Bedford and consisting of one hundred and thirty five acres be the same more or less which said tract or parcel of land lies on Beaverdam creek and Staunton river and adjoins the land of Rite Wright on the north and Thomas I Thomasson on the west and was conveyed to him the said Fleming J. T. Wright in a deed of trust executed to him by John T B Turner and duly recorded in the Clerks office of Bedford County To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all the rights and privileges thereunto attached or belonging to her the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever and unto the said Jane Turner her heirs executors administrators and assigns the said Fleming J. T. Wright for himself, his heirs executors administrators and assigns all right and title conveyed to him by the said deed of trust from John T B Turner he will forever warrant and defend by these presents. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year first above written

Fleming J T. Wright

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27" day of November 1843.

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Fleming J. T. Wright trustee to Jane Turner was produced in Court acknowledged by said Wright and ordered to be recorded

Teste
Ro S Mitchell CBC"

In March 1844 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 28/253 the commissioners were ordered to settle the account of Fleming J. T. Wright as administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

"Ordered that one of the Commissioners of this Court state and settle the account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his Administrator and make report to Court."

The 1844 Personal Property Tax List for Bedford County, Virginia, listed Fleming J. Wright Comrs of John T. B. Turner decd. with the following household:

date of receiving list	Persons Chargeable with tax	White males above 16 yrs	Slaves above 12 yrs of age	Horses &c	No of 4 wheel pleasure carriages & Value
May 31	Fleming J. Wright Comrs. of John T. B. Turner decd.				

No. of Carryalls & Value	No. of 2 wheel Carriages & Value		Silver Watches	Clocks @ 50¢	Clocks @ 25¢	

Pianos & Value	Gold & Silver Plates	attorneys paying a specific & amt. of tax	Physicians & surgeons paying a specific tax & amt.	Amount of interest & profits on moneys loaned out or on bonds acquired by in profit

		Total amount of Tax
		Dollars Cents
		.50

In January 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/106 Thomas Kasey was appointed commissioner to settle the account of Fleming J. T. Wright as administrator of the estate of John T. B. Turner:

> "Ordered that Thomas Kasey after being first Sworn state and settle the account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his admr. and make report to court."

In May 1846 at Bedford County, Virginia, County Court Order Book 29/486 an accounting for the estate of John T. B. Turner by Fleming J. T. Wright was filed with the court:

> "An account current of the estate of John T. B. Turner deceased with Fleming J. T. Wright his administrator produced in Court and ordered to lie till next Court for exceptions"

The 1847 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming T Wright with the following property:

	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Fleming T Wright	1		

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages & harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages & value
1				

Gold watches	Patent L watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos & value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax and amount of tax	Physicians &c paying specific tax	Dentists paying specific Tax & amount of Tax	Am't of Interest and profits

Am't of monied yearly income over $400	Bridge value -	Ferry - value	Newspaper	Dollars Cents
				.10

The 1848 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming Wright with the following property:

		White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
_____	_____			
	Fleming Wright	1		

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness & value	Stages and value including harness	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and Harness, & value	Gold watches
1				

Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Plate over the value of $50

Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over$400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges Value	Ferries Value	Newspapers value	
				.10

The 1849 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming Wright with the following property:

	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
Mar 24	Fleming Wright	1		

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
1				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax amt of tax	Dentists paying specific tax and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profits or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Newspaper printing presses and amount of tax	Total am't of tax. Dollars Cents
				.10

The 1850 Personal Property Tax List for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming J P Wright with the following property:

___	Persons Chargeable With Tax	White males above 16 years of age	Male free negroes above sixteen	Slaves above 16 years of age	Slaves above 12 years of age
	Fleming J P Wright 1				

Horses, mules, &c.	4 wheel pleasure carriages and harness and value	Stages, and value including harness	Carryalls and harness, and value	2 Wheel pleasure carriages and harness, and value
1				

Gold watches	Patent lever or lepine silver watches	Other watches	Metallic clocks	Other clocks	Pianos, and value	Harps and value

Plate over the value of $50	Attorneys paying specific tax, and am't of tax	Physicians and surgeons paying specific tax, and amount of tax	Am't of int, or profits on moneys loaned out, or on bonds acquired by purchase, including interest, profit or dividends on state or corporat'n bonds

Am't of monied yearly income over $400, received as salaries or fees of office	Bridges - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Ferries - am't of yearly rent or value over $100	Total amount tax. Dollars Cents
			.10

The 1850 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Fleming J. T. Wright in the Right Wright household and his age as 28 and born in Virginia, indicating a date of birth in about 1822.

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Fleming J. T. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . At the death of my wife or when the three youngest children leave her, I desire that my two Sons Fleming J. T. Wright and Henry S. Wright shall be made equal with the first children in Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, beds & furniture and kitchen and table ware.
>
> Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run Creek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said

lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner

. . . .

Fifthly. I will and bequeath unto my son Fleming J. T. Wright that portion of my tract of land on which I now live lying on the North side of Indian Run Creek running from Joseph K. Wrights line up the Creek to my Water Gap thence straight across the hill West to Sally Burrough's line. At the death of my wife he, Fleming J. T. Wright, is to pay to my youngest daughter Mary A. T. S. Wright three hundred dollars as his portion of one thousand dollars herein after bequeathed to her. . . ."

On June 15, 1853, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 22/410 Fleming J. T. Wright acted as trustee for Jane Childress:

"This Indenture made this 6" day of June between Abram Childress of the first part, and Fleming J. T. Wright trustee for Jane Childress wife of the said Abram of the second part Witnesseth that whereas the said Jane, who was formerly Jane Turner was possessed before and at the time of her marriage with the said Abram and several negro slaves, viz: Tella, Louisa, Hank, Grainberry, Edward and Justin, and also two bedsteads beds and furniture for the same, and whereas the said Abram moved by love and affection for the said Jane desired to secure the aforesaid property to her sole and separate use and benefit: In consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of one dollar by the said trustee to the said Abram in hand paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Abram has granted bargained and sold and by these presents grants bargains and sells to the said trustee all the right title and interest both at law and in equity in and to the property aforesaid, which he the said Abram acquired by virtue of his marriage or otherwise, to have & to hold the same to him and his heirs forever. In trust Nevertheless that he shall allow the said Jane during her natural life to have quiet and peaceable possession of the said property and of the increase of the females, taking to her sole and separate use as if, she were unmarried all the hires and profits arising therefrom And the said Jane shall have power to dispose of the said property and the increase of the females and the profits arising therefrom by her last Will and Testament according to her own free will and pleasure, but in default of such disposition at the death of said Jane the said property and the increase of the slaves and the accruing profits shall descend and pass to Angelina F. E. T. W. Turner and John W. J. H. T. K. Turner children of the said Jane by her former husband John T. B. Turner decd. to them and and their heirs forever. And the said trustee shall convey the legal title to said property to such person or persons as may hereafter become entitled to receive

the same under the provisions therein contained. In testimony whereof we the parties hereto have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this day and year above written.

Abram Childress
Fleming J. T. Wright

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court the 6" day of June 1853.

This Deed of Trust from Abram Childress to Fleming J. T. Wright for the purposes herein expressed was acknowledged in the said office by the said Abram Childress and Fleming J. T. Wright and admitted to record

Teste.
Ro. A. Scott C F C"

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed F. J. T. Wright in the Mary Wright household and his age as 39 and born in Virginia, indicating a birth in about 1821, and his occupation as farmer.

The 51st Virginia Infantry stated that Fleming J. T. Wright was a private in Company A of the 51st Virginia Infantry Regiment, was a resident of Franklin County, was 5' 10" tall and of sallow complexion, had light hair and blue eyes, was a prisoner of war at Waynesboro on March 2, 1865, was moved from Harpers Ferry to Winchester, was at Fort Delaware on March 12, 1865, and was released at Fort Delaware on June 21, 1865.

On March 2, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 28/388 Fleming J. T. Wright sold 200 acres of land to Mary Ann Wright:

"This Indenture made the second day of March one Thousand eight hundred & sixty eight Between Fleming J. T. Wright of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia of the one part and Mary Ann Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Fleming T. Wright for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand four hundred Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained & sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain & sell unto the said Mary Ann Wright one certain tract or parcel of Land in Franklin County Virginia on the North Side of Idian Runn containing two hundred acres (be the same more or Less) and bounded as follows to wit. Begining at a corner in E. T. McGuires line thence an Easterly course to the creek & down said creek as it meanders to Joseph K Wrights line thence with his line a northerly course to V. W. Aylers line

thence with his line a westerly course to Thomassons line thence with Tomassons line to E. T. McGuires line and with his line to the begining together with all & singular appurtenances to have & to hold the said bargained Land and premises unto her the said Mary Ann Wright her heirs & assigns forever and him the said Fleming J. T. Wright doth warrant & forever defend a good & lawful wright & title in fee simple the said bargained land & premises unto her the said Mary Ann Wright her heirs & assigns forever free from the claims of him the said Fleming J. T. Wright his heirs & assignes and from the claims of all other persons whomsoever Shall & will by these presents warrant & forever defend. In witness whereof the said Fleming J. T. Wright hath hereunto set his hand & seal this the day & date first above written.

Fleming J. T. Wright

In the clerks office of Franklin County Court the 18th day of September 1868

This deed from Fleming J. T. Wright to Mary Ann Wright was acknowledged in the said office by the said Fleming J. T. Wright and admitted to record (Internal Revenue Stamps placed on deed as prescribed by Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C. F. C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed F. J. T. Wright with the following household on June 3 or 4, 1880:

Name	Color	Sex	Age	Month of Birth	Relationship
F. J. T. Wright	W	M	58		
Henry S. Wright	W	M	44		Brother
Mary A. Wright	W	F	43		Sister
Judith Wright	B	F	80		Servant

Marital Status	Married During Year	Occupation	Months Unemployed	Sickness Blind Deaf & Dumb Idiotic Disabled
S		Farmer		
S		Farmer		
S		Keeping house		
S		Domestic Work		

Attended School Within Year	Cannot Read	Cannot Write	Born	Father Born	Mother Born
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
			Va	Va	Va
	1	1	Va	Va	Va

This record indicates that Fleming J. T. Wright was born in about 1822.

On November 24, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/114 Judith P. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright sold their interest in the land of Joseph K. Wright to Angeline F. Ferguson and her children:

> "This deed made this 24th day of November 1880 witness that for and in consideration of the sume of one hundread dollars each to us in hand paid wheareof the receipt is by us acknowledge we Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright, & Fleming J. T. Wright of Franklin County state of Virginia do hearby sell & convey our intire intrust to Anjerline F Ferguson during her natural life and then to hear children the issue of her body of the county and state aforesaid the following named real estate, viz a tract of land willed by Rite Wright decd to Joseph K. Wright during his life after his death to the above named legatees of Rite Wright decd bounded as follows ling and being on Indian Run adjoining the lands of Jonas Meador, V. Woyler, & others to have and to hole with general warrenty during her natural life and after her death to her children the issue of her boddy to have and to holed in thear own right free from all debts contracted by her husband heretofore or hereafter & free from all restrition whatsoever. Witness our hand & seal this the day and date above ritten
>
> Judith P. Wright
> Henry S. Wright
> Fleming J. T. Wright
>
> County of Franklin
> State of Virginia
>
> We, O. M. Tench an G. W Price Justices of the Peace in and for the said county do certify that Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whose names are signed to the writing within bareing date on the 24th day of November 1880 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and acknowledged

the same before us. Given under under our hands the 24th day of November 1880

O. M. Tench J. P.
G. W. Price J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 10th day of May 1882

This deed from Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright to Angeline Ferguson was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper C. F. C."

The 1900 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Flemming Wright as a boarder in the John D. Hannabas household:

Location				
In Cities		Number of dwelling houses in the order of visitation	Number of family in the order of visition	Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.
Street	House Number			
		33	33	John D Hannabas Jammima(?) Hannabas Ola M Hannabas Fleming Wright Robert Kasey

Relation	Personal Description					
Relation-ship of each person the head the family	Color or race	Sex	Date of Birth Month	Year	Age at last birth-day	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
Head	W	M	Oct	1864	35	M
Wife	W	F	Nov	1869	30	M
Daughter	W	F	Feb	1892	8	S
Boarder	W	M	Mar	1822	78	S
Servant	B	M	May	1876	24	S

Personal Description [cont'd]			Nativity		
			Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated.		
Number of years married	Mother of how many children	Number of these children living	Place of birth of this Person	Place of birth of Father of this person	Place of birth of Mother of this person
10			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
10	1	1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
			Virginia	Virginia	Virginia

Citizenship			Occupation, Trade, Or Profession of each person Ten Years of age and over.		Education
Year of immi-gration to the United States	Number of years in the United States	Natural-ization	Occupation	Months not employed	Attended school in months)
			Farmer	0	
					3
			Farm Laborer	0	

Education [cont'd]			Ownership Of Home			
Can read	Can write	Can speak English	Owned or rented	Owned free or mortgaged	Farm or house	Number of farm schedule
Yes	Yes	Yes	O	F	F	25
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Yes	Yes	Yes				

The will of F. J. T. Wright was dated November 11, 1899, and probated on February 4, 1901, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/193. The Franklin County, Virginia, Index of Wills incorrectly lists the will as that of F. J. T. Wray. The will provided as follows:

"In the name of God amen

I F. J. T. Wright of Franklin County Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament that is to say after the payment of just debts and burial expenses. I desire my estate both real and personal sold at public auction to the highest bidder, an reasonable time after due notice of sale, and the proceeds of sale, together with any money I may have or other evidence of debts when collected divided equally between my nieces and nephews of my sister Jane Childrous deceased and Judith P. Wright deceased: that is J. H. Turner Angeline Ferguson and Mollie R. Newbill children of my sister Jane Childrous to be made equal with James E. and Thomas H. Wright children of my sister Judith P. Wright in the division of my estate.

I also nominate and desire the court to appoint James H. Turner and Thomas P. Newbill as my executors or administrators without security.

Witness my hand and seal this 11 day of November 1899

Witness F. J. T. Wright
William J. Aylor
Charles R Scott

Franklin County Court February 4, 1901

The last will and testament of F. J. T. Wright deceased was produced in court and proved by the oaths of William J. Aylor and Charles R Scott the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on motion of Jas H. Turner and Thomas P. Newbill the executors named named in said will who made oath and executed bond in the penalty of fifteen hundred Dollars conditioned as prescribed by law without surety (The testator requesting that no surety be required and the court requiring none) certificate is granted . . . ."

From the will the following family of Fleming J. T. Wright:

1) Sister: Jane Childress, deceased, and her children:
   a) J. H. Turner,
   b) Angeline Ferguson, and

c) Mollie R. Newbill.

2) Sister: Judith P. Wright, deceased, and her children

a) James E. Wright, and

b) Thomas H. Wright.

James H. Turner and Thomas P. Newbill were named executors of the will.

The will of Mary Ann F. S. Wright dated November 1, 1884, and the codicil thereto dated July 2, 1884, probated on June 5, 1899, in Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 23/149 referred to Fleming J. T. Wright as the brother of Mary Ann F. S. Wright and Henry S. Wright and left Mary Ann's estate to Fleming:

> "The last will and Testament of Mary A F. S. Wright of Franklin County State of Virginia . . . .
>
> Seconly, I will and bequeath unto my Brother F. J. T. Wright all real or landed estate I have in my possesion at my death also all my claims due from my Father's estate except what hearinafter named all other outside debts due me or money in hand stock of all kinds Household & kitchen furniture to take posesion of the same at my death to dispose of or manage the same as it best suits him forever without qualifing as Excutor or given security to the court or any person or persons.
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> . . . . In witness whereof I have heareunto set my hand seal this 1st day of November 1884.
>
> Witness — Mary A. F. S. Wright
> V W. Oyler
> Daniel W Basham
>
> Codicil to this my last will & testament above written made on this the 2nd July 1897 my brother Henry S. Wright having departed this life I hereby give to my brother Fleming J. T. Wright all that was given to brother Henry S. Wright by the 3rd clause of my said will.
>
> Witnesses — Mary Ann F. S. Wright
> Thos. P. Newbill
> P. H. Dillard
> . . . ."

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of F. J. T. Wright dated February 22, 1901, was filed probably on July 8, 1904, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/480 showing a value of $940.34:

"The estate of F. J. T Wright dec'd in Account with J. H. Turner & Thos. P. Newbill Ex's.

1903	Receipts	
Mch 30	Bal. in hands of Ex's per last rect	$84.30
Mch 30	Am't returned by Mrs. A. F. Ferguson out of $50 money improperty paid her	$40.00
1904		
Mar. 12	Bal. due Exs.	$23.80
		148.10
	Disbursements	
	By Amt. charged Ex's. in last acct. but which could not be collected	$6.25
1903		
Aug. 5	Paid Jas. E. Wright share	10.00
" "	" Thos. H. Wright "	10.00
" "	" J. H. Turner "	10.00
1904		
Apr. 25	" Mollie R. Newbill "	10.00
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1904		
Apr. 30	" B. L. Angle sheriff	3.90
Apr. 23	" T. W. Carper Clerk (J. M. C.)	5.14
" "	" T. W. Carper "	6.66
" 30	" Taxes	13.91
" 23	" J. B. Saunders Clerk	.74
" "	" H. D. Dillard Com'r. for acct.	5.00
		$149.10

A Balance due Exec's of $23.80

I, H. D. Dillard Com'r. of Acct. of Circuit Court of Franklin County Va. After posting on first Monday in May 1904 at front door of Court House of said Court a list of fiduciaries whose accounts were before me for settlement in said list the names of J. H. Turner & Thos. P. Newbill Exec's. of F. J. T. Wright decd. appearing and said list remaining as posted for 10 days from said day did

proceed to settle above account & found it as stated. The disbursements were all proper and supported by satisfactory evidence. Given under my hand this 12 May 1904.

H. D. Dillard Com'r Accts
Cir. Ct. Franklin Co. Va.

Franklin Circuit Court July 8th 1904 -

The foregoing account of J. H. Turner & Thos. P. Newbill Execs. of F. J. T. Wright dec'd having been filed in the Clerks Office of this court for more than 30 days and no exceptions being filed thereto the same is confirmed and ordered to be recorded -

Teste
O. H. Price Clerk"

A list of sales of personal property of the estate of F. J. T. Wright made on February 22, 1901, was filed on December 31, 1902, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/371:

"List of Sale of the personal estate of F J T Wright, decd made at public auction Feb 22 1901

Feather Bed	James Hannabas	$8.75
Sheet	Walter Hurt	.10
"	" "	.15
Pillows	J H Hudson	.70
"	" "	1.50
Quilts	J A Kasey	7.50
Counterpane	Jas Hannabas	.30
"	J D Hannabas	2.50
Yarn Sheet	" "	.50
Straw tick	J H Hudson	.10
" "	J D Hannabas	.20
Feather Bolster	J H Hudson	1.00
Sheep Skin	R L Hannabas	.22
Lot Carpeting	J A Kasey	12
Table	A L Hannabas	.03
White Counterpane	William Pagan	.55
" "	A L Hannabas	.55
Satchel	Walter Hurt	.05
Towels	A J Kasey	.17
Table Cloth	" "	.05

Lot Sundries	W E Scott	.39
Pair Sheep Shears	J D Hannabas	.45
Hand Saw	W H Robertson	.35
Oil Can and Pan	J H Hudson	.10
Jar and two cans	J E Booth	.10
Gallon Jug	J H Hudson	.06
Pair Curtains	J D Hannabas	.13
Bucket & Dipper	A L Hannabas	.06
Chairs	J H Hudson	1.50
Lamp	A L Hannabas	.21
Looking Glass	" "	.08
Shaving box	Robt Kasey	.03
Bed Stead	J M Hannabas	.15
Trundle bed stead	W E Scott	.15
Bed Stead	C R Scott	.90
Chest	J D Hannabas	.55
Bureau	J A Kasey	.70
Small Bureau	J E Booth	.89
Clock	T P Newbill	9.00
Cupboard	A J Kasey	1.30
Pictures	J D Robertson	.14
Shovel and tongs	J D Hannabas	.30
Pair andirons	" "	.45
Kitchen table	" "	.10

J H Turner)
Thos P Newbill) Executors

Examined and Certified this 31st Dec 1902

Hugh Nelson
Comr of Accts

Virginia
In Franklin County Court Clerks Office 31 Dec 1902

The foregoing account of sale of the personal estate of F J T Wright decd was this day filed in said Office and Admitted to record

Test
O H Price Clerk"

On October 15, 1903, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 24/481 an accounting for the estate of F. J. T. Wright was filed for the period from December 11, 1900, through March 30, 1903:

"After Notice to all the parties under a decree made in this Cause by the Circuit Court of the County of Franklin on the 15 day of Oct 1903.

The Estate of F J T Wright decd in Acct with Thos P Newbill & J H Turner, executors of the said decedent

To Cash on decedent at death	450.01
" " deposited in Saving Bk of Balt Md	290.00
Interest on same from July 1st 1899 to Mch 30 1903	33.96
To Cash recd from Hannabass notes	54.86
" " " " 1900 crop of tobacco	32.98
" " " " Harry Newbill	10.10
Interest for 39 mos	1.95
" " " " C R Scott	12.75
" " " " sale of personal property	45.13
" " " " J R Dent	1.00
" Amount which should have been collected from J B Morgan	6.25
" Cash recd from sale of crop 1901	46.14
	$985.13

This item Thos P Newbill . . . $60.00 appearing in the inventory found to be a gift from the decd. to Thos P Newbill should not appear and is not charged up to the executors. The amounts due by James Dent of $2.72 and Robert Childress $2.33 are not charged up to the executors since it was proved that the two debtors were and are totally insolvent

over

amt brought forward as charged up to executors	985.13
	Dr.
Dec 11 1900	
1 suit of clothes for burial	7.20
1 Casket	25.00
Expenses of burial	5.55
Feb 4 1901	
Probating will &c	5.05
By Cash to Mrs M R Newbill for burial & nursing	25.00
Feb 22	
" " " Appraisers	3.00
" " " R C Sham	1.50

	" " " " " "		1.50
	" " " " " "		1.50
	" " "	W P Jeter	1.50
	" " "	W J Ayler	1.00
	" " "	C R Scott	1.00
Feb 12 1902			
	" " "	J E Wright	120.00
	" " "	T H Wright	120.00
	" " "	M R Newbill	120.00
	" " "	A F Ferguson	120.00
	" " "	J H Turner	120.00
May	" "	for two affidvits	.80
Dec 6	" " "	taxes 1901	12.08
Oct 22	" " "	A F Fergusin	50.00
Feb 12 1903			
	" " "	Dillard & Lee (fee)	50.00
Apr 2 1902			
	" " "	G S Luck	1.25
	" " "	Thos P Newbill	3.00
	" " "	" " "	2.50
Mch 30 1903			
	" " "	taxes 1902	12.80
			818.73
	Allowed executors 5% in reciepts $985.13		49.25
	Also reasonable expenses of J H Turner		27.85
	" " "	" T P Newbill	5.00
			$900.83
March 30, 1903			
	Balance in hands of executors of decedant		$84.30

Respectfully submitted
H D Dillard Comr

Due Cmr in full for depositions & report $15.00

The foregoing report is excepted to by counsel for the plaintiff in the following particular, as being contrary to the law and the evidence.

First - because the commissioner allowed the executors credit in full for the item of $50.00 paid to A F Ferguson Oct 22d 1902, whereas the plaintiff Thomas H and James E Wright were entitled to $10.00 each of this $50.00

Second - because the commissioner does not charge the executor with the item of $60.00 in the Inventory and appraisement against Thos P Newbill under the head of Notes due estate

Virginia
At a Circuit Court Continued and held for Franklin County 4" day of June 1903.

Wright Thos H, et al)
vs) In chy
Wright's Exor's, et als)

On Consideration whereof the Court doth sustain the first exception to said report and doth adjudge order and decree that the Executors be charged with $20.00 more than the amount charged to them by the Commissioners as a balance in their hands which $20.00 shall be paid to Thos H and Jas E Wright or their attorney by said Executors as their potion of the $50.00 mentioned in said exceptions as paid to A F Ferguson and the Court doth overrule the second exception to said report and doth confirm said report in all particulars except the item of $50.00 above alluded to.

Virginia
In Franklin County Clerks office 27 June 1903

The foregoing account of J H Turner and Thos P Newbill executors of F J T Wright decd was confirmed by decree of the Circuit Court of Franklin County in the chancery cause of Wright et al vs Wrights Exor's, et als on the 4" day of June 1903, and Certified by the Clerk of said Court for record.

Test. O H Price Clerk"

This record indicates that Fleming J. T. Wright had died by December 11, 1900.

An accounting for the estate for the period from March 30, 1903, through April 30, 1904, was filed on July 8, 1904, at Franklin County, Virginia W.B. 24/479:

"The estate of F. J. T Wright dec'd in Account with J. H. Turner & Thos. P. Newbill Ex's.

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A Balance due Exec's of $23.80

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H. D. Dillard Com'r Accts
Cir. Ct. Franklin Co. Va.

Franklin Circuit Court July 8th 1904 -

The foregoing account of J. H. Turner & Thos. P. Newbill Execs. of F. J. T. Wright dec'd having been filed in the Clerks Office of this court for more than 30

days and no exceptions being filed thereto the same is confirmed and ordered to be recorded -

Teste
O. H. Price Clerk"

g. 1897 Henry S. Wright Of Franklin County

1897 Henry S. Wright of Franklin County was a son of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polly" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Henry S. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . At the death of my wife or when the three youngest children leave her, I desire that my two Sons Fleming J. T. Wright and Henry S. Wright shall be made equal with the first children in Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, beds & furniture and kitchen and table ware.
>
> Thirdly. I Will and bequeath unto my oldest Son Joseph K. Wright the plantation on which he now lives lying East of the cross fence running from Indian Run Creek a North course to John Ozler's line to dispose of as he may think best during his life and if at his death he shall have no lawful children I desire the said lands to be sold at publick auction to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between the four legatees Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Jane Childress, two oldest children Angelina and James W. Turner. . . ."

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Henry S. Wright in the Mary Wright household and her age as 35 and born in Virginia, indicating a birth in about 1825, and his occupation as farmer.

On April 27, 1861, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 27/25 Henry S. Wright sold his interest in the estate of Rite Wright to Joseph K. Wright:

> "This deed made this 27th day of April in the year 1861 between Henry S. Wright of the one part and Joseph K. Wright of the other part, both of the County of Franklin in the state of Virginia Witnesseth that the the said Henry S. Wright doth grant unto the said Joseph K. Wright with general warranty all the following property, namely, all the estate devised and bequeathed to the said Henry S. Wright by his father Rite Wright now deceased, by the last will and testament of

the said Rite Wright, which has been duly admitted to probat in the County Court of Franklin County, one gray horse, bridle and saddle now in the possession of the said Henry S. Wright, all the bricks, supposed to be about sixty thousand, contained in a brick kiln now on the land on which Mary Wright the mother of the said Henry S. Wright now lives and one parcel of shingles, supposed to be seven thousand, now on the same land, in trust to secure the payment of the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars with interest one five hundred part thereof from the 14th of Febuary 1857 and with interest on fifty dollars the residue thereof from the 1st of September 1857, to Charles Chewning, also to secure and save harmless James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright as securites of the said Henry S. Wright on a bond for eight hundred and twenty eight dollars executed to Angeline F. E. T. W. Turner about the 1st of January 1861, also to secure the payment of two hundred and seventy three dollars with interest thereon from the 1st February 1861 to Fleming J. T. Wright due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Fleming J. T. Wright, also to secure the payment of three hundred dollars to Mary A. F. S. Wright due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Mary A. F. S. Wright, also to secure the payment of eighteen dollars and sixty four cents to Thomas Franklin, with interest thereon from this day, due and owing from the said Henry S. Wright to the said Thomas Franklin. And then upon this further trust that the said Joseph K. Wright shall as soon as he shall be requested by any of the above mentioned creditors or sureties, sell the bricks, shingles, house, bridle and saddle mentioned above, at public auction on a credit of six months and out of the money arising therefrom first pay the expenses of said sale and then apply the residue to the payment of the debts above mentioned as far as it will go. And then upon this further trust that if any of the said debts or any part thereof remain unpaid on the 1st day of November 1862, or if before that time the said James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright or either of them shall have been compelled to pay the debt aforesaid on which they are securities, or any part thereof, then the said Joseph K. Wright shall as soon as he shall be required by any of the said creditors or surities, after the said 1st day of November 1862 sell all the Estate above mentioned devised and bequeathed by Rite Wright by his last will and testament to the said Henry S. Wright, at public auction on a credit of twelve months, and out of the money arising thereform first pay all the expenses of carrying out this trust, then pay all the debts above mentioned, or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, and to the said James Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whatever amount they may have been compelled to pay as surities as aforesaid with any interest and costs which shall have accrued thereon. If the property hereby conveyed shall not sell for money enough to pay all the debts aforesaid, then the said trustee shall apportion said money to the payment of said debts pro rata, it being intended to place all said debts upon an equal footing. If the said property shall sell for more money than will be required to pay said debts and the expenses of carying out this trust, then the said trustee shall pay such surplus to the said Henry S. Wright, his personal representatives, or assigns. But the said trustee must

advertise the time and place of sale of the horse, saddle, bridle, bricks and shingles for at least fifteen days before the time of such sale, and he must advertise the time and place of sale of the other property herein conveyed, at least one month before the time of such sale. Witness the following signature and seal

Henry S. Wright

In the Clerk's Office of Franklin County Court on the 27th day of April 1861

This deed of trust from H. S. Wright to Joseph K. Wright for the purposes herein expressed was acknowledged in said office by said H. S. Wright and admitted to record as to him.

Teste
Ro. A. Scott C. F. C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Henry S. Wright in the F. J. T. Wright household and his age as 44 and born in Virginia, indicating a birth in about 1836, and his occupation as farmer.

On November 24, 1880, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 35/114 Judith P. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright sold their interest in the land of Joseph K. Wright to Angeline F. Ferguson and her children:

"This deed made this 24th day of November 1880 witness that for and in consideration of the sume of one hundread dollars each to us in hand paid wheareof the receipt is by us acknowledge we Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright, & Fleming J. T. Wright of Franklin County state of Virginia do hearby sell & convey our intire intrust to Anjerline F Ferguson during her natural life and then to hear children the issue of her body of the county and state aforesaid the following named real estate, viz a tract of land willed by Rite Wright decd to Joseph K. Wright during his life after his death to the above named legatees of Rite Wright decd bounded as follows ling and being on Indian Run adjoining the lands of Jonas Meador, V. Woyler, & others to have and to hole with general warrenty during her natural life and after her death to her children the issue of her boddy to have and to holed in thear own right free from all debts contracted by her husband heretofore or hereafter & free from all restrition whatsoever. Witness our hand & seal this the day and date above ritten

Judith P. Wright
Henry S. Wright
Fleming J. T. Wright

County of Franklin
State of Virginia

We, O. M. Tench an G. W Price Justices of the Peace in and for the said county do certify that Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright whose names are signed to the writing within bareing date on the 24th day of November 1880 personally appeared before us in the county aforesaid and acknowledged the same before us. Given under under our hands the 24th day of November 1880

O. M. Tench J. P.
G. W. Price J. P.

In Franklin County Court Clerks office the 10th day of May 1882

This deed from Judith P. Wright Henry S. Wright and Fleming J. T. Wright to Angeline Ferguson was exhibited in said office and admitted to record

Teste
Jas. J Carper C. F. C."

The will of Mary Ann F. S. Wright dated November 1, 1884, and probated on June 5, 1899 at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 23/149 named Henry S. Wright as a beneficiary:

". . . . Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my brother Henry S. Wright all claims I hold agains him due me from my Father's estate also my other Bonds or act due me from him up to my death the above claims not to be taken for any debts, said Henry S. Wright may owe at my death . . . ."

The codicil dated July 2, 1897, to Mary Ann F. S. Wright's will, also probated on June 5, 1899 at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 23/149, stated that Henry S. Wright was then deceased and gave his share to his brother Fleming J.T. Wright, indicating a date of death between November 1, 1884, and July 2, 1897:

". . . . Codicil to this my last will & testament above written made on this the 2nd July 1897 my brother Henry S. Wright having departed this life I hereby give to my brother Fleming J. T. Wright all that was given to brother Henry S. Wright by the 3rd clause of my said will. . . ."

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Henry S. Wright dated November 25, 1897, was filed at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 23/299, with L. M. Wright, F. J. T. Wright, and Thos. T. Newbill were named as the appraisers:

"List of the Appraisement of the personal property of Henry S Wright decd made on the 25 day of Nov 1897.

Wheat	@ 75¢	
Peas	@ 50	
Oats	@ 20	
Corn	@ 1.50	
Nubbins	@ 75	
Corn Sheller		3.00
Tobacco Hhd		.25
Wheat Fan		2.50
Scythe & Cradle		1.00
Box & Contents		.25
Basket		.10
Lot Shucks		2.50
" Sheaf Oats		2.00
" old Shucks		2.50
" " fodder		.50
" " "		2.00
" Hay		20.00
Pitch fork		.10
Jug		.05
Lock Chain		.25
Big Plow		3.00
Double tree		.10
" Shovel		.50
Hilling hoe		.50
Mattock		.20
Harrow		.50
Hay Rake		.50
Mowing Machine		.50
Old Plow		.10
Lot oat Straw		.25
Straw Stack		1.00
Grind Stone frame		.10
wagon & bed		15.00
Bee Stand		.50
Old Bee gums		.50
Lot Lumber		.50
" fence plank		2.00

Shovel plow & stock	.25
Single tree, clivis & wedge	.25
Hill Side Plow	.50
Set plow gear	.50
Lot old harness & harnes	.10
Pr Check lines	.25
Silver Watch	.25
Old brass "	.25
Hand saw & drawing knife	.50
Lantern	.25
Bed & Contents	10.00
Old Hay Stack	1.00
Straw "	1.50
100 Shucks top fodder	2.00
500 bundles blades	2.50
Old top Stack	.75
Cutter	.05

The foregoing is a true inventory of the personal property of Henry S Wright decd Made by E J McGuire L M Wright, and F J T Wright, on the 25th Nov 1897 Witness our hands

E T McGuire)
L M Wright) Appraisers
T J T Wright)
Thos T Newbill Admr

Examined and approved this 7" Feb 1898

Hugh Nelson
Comr of Accts

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office 9 Feb 1898

The foregoing Inventory and Appraisement of the personal estate of Henry S Wright decd was this day filed in Said Office and admitted to record

Test
Jas J Carper Clerk"

A list of the sales in the estate of Henry S. Wright was filed on February 9, 1898, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 23/413:

"Sale List of Henry S Wright decd, made on the 26 Nov 1897. on Six Months credit

5 Bushels wheat	R E Maxey	Bond	4.25
5 " "	" "	"	4.25
5 " "	C T Robertson	pd	4.25
5 " remainder	S H Board	Bond	4.30
5 " wheat	" "	"	4.30
5-1/4 " remainder	" "	"	4.70
6 " Peas	J K Ferguson	pd	3.15
10 " Oats	J A Moorman	Bond	2.60
5 " Corn	A J Thompson	"	9.25
5 " "	Ann Wright	"	9.50
Rem "	A J Thompson		7.52
2 Bbls Nubbens	William Swain	"	2.40
Corn Sheller	Mary A Wright	"	4.00
Hhd	" "	"	.10
Wheat fan	T B Newbill		1.25
Scythe & cradle	E J McGhuire	pd	1.00
Box & Contents	R E Maxey	"	.20
Basket	J T Shaon	"	.05
Lot Shucks	J A Moorman	"	3.50
" "	" "	"	3.50
35 Doz sheaf oats	Wm Swain	pd	1.05
Lot fodder	D W Basham	"	3.00
" Hay	J H Chism	Bond	7.15
" "	" "		7.00
Pitch Fork	C C Maxey	pd	.05
Jug	R E Maxey	"	.05
Lock Chain	W E Bennett	"	.25
Big Plow	C R Scott	"	3.10
Double tree	E J McGuire	"	.05
" Shovel	Mary A Wright	Bond	.65
3 Hilling Hoe	J H Hudson	pd	.45
Mattock	R E Maxey	Bond	.25
Harrow	F J Robertson	pd	.50
Hay Rake	Moses Devers	"	.35
Mowing Machine	E J McGuire	"	.25
Lot oat Straw	Thos Robertson	pd	.45
Rick of "	J H Kasey	pd	1.25
Grindstone Frame	S. E McGuire	"	.07
Wagon & Bed	Mary A Wright	Bond	17.00
Bee Stand	R L Bond	pd	.60
5 old Bee gums	C C Martin	"	.60

Lot Lumber	J H Kasey	"	.60
" fence plank	Eli Spradling	Bond	1.90
Shovel Plow	C T Robertson	pd	.27
Single tree	F J Robertson	"	.30
Hill Side Plow	W T Cook	"	.40
Coulter	J A Moorman	Bond	.05
Set Plow Gear	Wm Spradling	"	.65
Lot Sundries	W J Cook	pd	.20
Set check Lines	Peter Dillard		.50
Silver Watch	R C Shain	pd	.30
Brass "	L C Spradling	"	.85
Lantern	P H Dillard	"	.15
Hand Saw & drawing Knife	Mary A Wright	Bond	.90
Feather Bed & Contents	Wm Spradling	"	7.00
Stack Hay	Wm Swain	pd	1.00
100 Shocks top fodder	" "	"	1.50
Reck old Straw	A J Thompson	Bond	1.00
Stack " top fodder	J H Kasey	pd	1.05
480 bundles Glad fodder	Wm Swain	Bond	3.84
			$140.65

Thos P Newbill Admr

Examined and approved this 7 Feb 1898

Hugh Nelson
Comr of Accts

In Franklin County Court Clerks Office 9 Feb 1898

The foregoing account of sales of the personal property of Henry S Wright decd, was this day filed in said Office and admitted to record.

Test
Jas J Carper Clerk"

h. Mary Ann F. S. Wright

Mary Ann F. S. Wright was a daughter of 1855 Wright Wright of Franklin County and Mary "Polley" (Scott) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1], 1815 Joseph[2], 1855 Wright[3])

The will of Rite Wright dated December 28, 1852, and probated on February 4, 1856, at Franklin County, Virginia, W.B. 9/337 listed Mary A. F. S. Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . At the death of my wife he, Fleming J. T. Wright, is to pay to my youngest daughter Mary A. T. S. Wright three hundred dollars as his portion of one thousand dollars herein after bequeathed to her
>
> If there be any of my perishable property left after paying Mary A. F. S. Wright, it is to be equally dived between the five legatees Viz. Joseph K. Wright, Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Angeilina & John W. Turner . . . .
>
> Sevently. I Will and bequeathe unto my youngest Daughter Mary A. F. S. Wright One thousand Dollars in money three hudred Dollars of which sum is to be paid by Fleming J. T. Wright at the Death of his Mother. Three hundred Dollars to be paid by Henry S. Wright, also at the death of his mother and four hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors out of the proceeds of my personal Estate after the death of my wife if there be enough. If not the deficiency to be made up Jointly by the five legatees Viz. Joseph K. Wright, Judith P. Wright, Fleming J. T. Wright, Henry S. Wright and Angeilina & John W. Turner she is also to have a Horse worth Seventy Dollars or Seventy Dollars in money as she may choose at the Death of her mother or when she needs it. She is also to be made equal with the other children in Cattle Sheep & Hogs, beds & furniture, kitchen and table ware and is to live with her mother free of charge during her life or widowhood. . . ."

The 1860 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary A. Wright in the Mary Wright household and her age as 28 and born in Virginia, indicating a birth in about 1832.

On March 2, 1868, at Franklin County, Virginia, D.B. 28/388 Fleming J. T. Wright sold 200 acres of land to Mary Ann Wright:

> "This Indenture made the second day of March one Thousand eight hundred & sixty eight Between Fleming J. T. Wright of the County of Franklin & State of Virginia of the one part and Mary Ann Wright of the County & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Fleming T. Wright for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand four hundred Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained & sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain & sell unto the said Mary Ann Wright one certain tract or parcel of Land in Franklin County Virginia on the North Side of Idian Runn containing two hundred acres (be the same more or

Less) and bounded as follows to wit. Begining at a corner in E. T. McGuires line thence an Easterly course to the creek & down said creek as it meanders to Joseph K Wrights line thence with his line a northerly course to V. W. Aylers line thence with his line a westerly course to Thomassons line thence with Tomassons line to E. T. McGuires line and with his line to the begining together with all & singular appurtenances to have & to hold the said bargained Land and premises unto her the said Mary Ann Wright her heirs & assigns forever and him the said Fleming J. T. Wright doth warrant & forever defend a good & lawful wright & title in fee simple the said bargained land & premises unto her the said Mary Ann Wright her heirs & assigns forever free from the claims of him the said Fleming J. T. Wright his heirs & assignes and from the claims of all other persons whomsoever Shall & will by these presents warrant & forever defend. In witness whereof the said Fleming J. T. Wright hath hereunto set his hand & seal this the day & date first above written.

Fleming J. T. Wright

In the clerks office of Franklin County Court the 18th day of September 1868

This deed from Fleming J. T. Wright to Mary Ann Wright was acknowledged in the said office by the said Fleming J. T. Wright and admitted to record (Internal Revenue Stamps placed on deed as prescribed by Law)

Teste
Ro. A. Scott, C. F. C."

The 1880 Census for Franklin County, Virginia, listed Mary A. Wright in the F. J. T. Wright household and her age as 43 and born in Virginia, indicating a birth in about 1827.

The will of Mary Ann F. S. Wright was dated November 1, 1884, and a codicil thereto dated July 2, 1897, and probated on June 5, 1899, at Franklin County Will Book 23/149. She described herself in the will as of Franklin County, Virginia, and named her brothers F. J. T. Wright and Henry S. Wright as beneficiaries. The codicil described Henry S. Wright as then deceased. The text of the will was as follows:

"The last will and Testament of Mary A F. S. Wright of Franklin County State of Virginia being in my fourty ninth year of my age considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say).

First, I will and bequeath that my Burriel Expences any just debts be paid.

Seconly, I will and bequeath unto my Brother F. J. T. Wright all real or landed estate I have in my possesion at my death also all my claims due from my Father's estate except what hearinafter named all other outside debts due me or money in hand stock of all kinds Household & kitchen furniture to take posesion of the same at my death to dispose of or manage the same as it best suits him forever without qualifing as Excutor or given security to the court or any person or persons.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my brother Henry S. Wright all claims I hold agains him due me from my Father's estate also my other Bonds or act due me from him up to my death the above claims not to be taken for any debts, said Henry S. Wright may owe at my death I herby revoke all former wills made by me. In witness whereof I have heareunto set my hand seal this 1st day of November 1884.

Witness
V W. Oyler
Daniel W Basham

Mary A. F. S. Wright

Codicil to this my last will & testament above written made on this the 2nd July 1897 my brother Henry S. Wright having departed this life I hereby give to my brother Fleming J. T. Wright all that was given to brother Henry S. Wright by the 3rd clause of my said will.

Witnesses
Thos. P. Newbill
P. H. Dillard

Mary Ann F. S. Wright

Franklin County Court June 5th 1899

The last will and testament of Mary A. F. S. Wright deceased with a codicil thereto attached was this day produced in court and the said will was proved oaths of V. W. Oyler and Daniel W. Basham the two subscribing witnesses thereto and the codicil of the oaths of Thomas P. Newbill and P. H. Dollard the subscribing witnesses thereto, The said will and codicil is ordered to be recorded.

Teste
J. J. Carper, Clerk"

H. Dorcas Wright, Probably Dorcas (Wright) Scott, Her Husband Axton Scott, And Her Descendants

Dorcas Wright, probably Dorcas (Wright) Scott, was a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright. (1763 Thomas[1])

The will of 1763 Thomas Wright dated December 15, 1762, and probated on November 22, 1763, at Bedford County, Virginia, W.B. 1/9 listed Dorcas Wright as one of his children:

> ". . . . and the money Arising after my Debts are paid to be Equally Divided as Also all my Other Estate Between my five Daughters. Elizabeth, Mary, Abbigale Sarah & Dorcas . . . ."

The Little Berry Wright declaration dated June 19, 1873, at Meade County, Kentucky, D.B. P/139 stated that Dorcus Wright was a daughter of his great grandfather and that four of 1763 Thomas Wright's daughters married, one to a Smoot and had no children, and the three others to men named May, Day, and Scott:

> ". . . . My Great Grand Father and mother had nine children, two Sons Joseph, and John. Seven daughters Elizabeth who never married and Dorcus are the only names of the daughters that I remember but Know that four of the girls married One married a man by the name of Smoot (?) but had no children by him the three others that were married married men by the names of May, Day & Scott, ..."

There is no direct evidence that Dorcas, the wife of Axton Scott, was also the daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright and Mary (____) Wright. However, the circumstantial evidence is substantial and makes this identification highly probable. First, the given name Dorcas is relatively rare at this time in Bedford County. Second, the Littleberry Wright Declaration set forth above stated that one of the daughters of 1763 Thomas Wright married a Scott. Third, Axton Scott's wife was named Dorcas. Fourth, the age of that wife Dorcas is consistent with her being a daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright. She was married probably in 1776 or before and, therefore, would have been born probably before 1759. Fifth, as will be set forth below, Axton Scott owned land adjacent to that of 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County, a son of 1763 Thomas Wright, and sold that land to 1815 Joseph Wright and later purchased land adjacent to 1803 John

Wright of Bedford County, another son of 1763 Thomas Wright. And sixth, 1763 Thomas Wright had a John Cemp in his household in 1737, 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County married as his first wife Elizabeth Kemp, and Axton and Dorcas Scott named their last son Kemp Scott. This combination of circumstances makes it probable that Dorcas Scott was Dorcas (Wright) Scott and the daughter of 1763 Thomas Wright of Bedford County and Mary (____) Wright.

On December 21, 1776, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 5/265 Axton Scott purchased 74 acres of land from Thomas and Ann Day:

> "This Indenture made this 21st Day of December 1776 between Thomas Day of Bedford County of the one part & Ackston Scott of said County of the Other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Day for and in Consideration of the sum of Fifty pounds Current money of Virginia to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath Bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant Bargain and sell Alien Enfeoff Confirm unto the said Ackston Scott his heirs and Assigns forever one Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing Seventy four Acres lying & being in the County of Bedford on the North side of stanton River on the West side of Beaverdam Creek and Bounded as followeth to witt Begining at a hickory on the said River thence off North Fifty six Degrees East Ninety poles to a white oak North Thirteen degrees west Seventy Two poles to a pine North sixty one degrees East to Beaverdam Creek Thence down the said Creek to Stanton River Thence up the said River aforesaid to the first Station to have and to hold the said Land and Premises with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the said Ackston Scott his heirs and Assigns forever and the said Thomas Day and Ann his Wife doth Covenant Grant & Agree to and with the said Ackston Scott his Heirs and Assigns shall & will Warrant and forever defend the said Land & Premises unto the said Ackston Scott his heirs and Assigns forever in Witness whereof the said Thomas Day and Ann his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the Day & year Above Written
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> Sealed & Delivered in in the presents of us — Thomas his X mark Day
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> Ann H Day
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> At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of February 1777.
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> This Indenture was Acknowledged by Thomas Day party thereto and ordered to be recorded.
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> Teste, J Steptoe C.C."

On February 28, 1780, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 10/78 Axton Scott purchased 182 acres of land from Anthony Pate:

> "This Indenture made this 28th day of February One thousand Seven hundred and eighty Between Anthony Pate of Bedford County of the one part and Axston Scott of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Anthony Pate for and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixty pounds Currant money of Virginia in hand paid to the said Anthony Pate before the insealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge, Hath given granted bargained Sold delivered Enfeofed and Confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain Sell Enfeof deliver and confirm unto the said Axston Scott his heirs or assigns forever One certain tract or parcel of land lying & Being in County of Bedford And on the North East fork of Beaverdam Creek and bounded by the lines of John Wright David Holladay Roland Whealer and Thomas Buford deceased and contains One hundred and eighty two Acres it being the land and premises whereon John Watts now lives. To have & to hold the said land and premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Axston Scott and to his heirs and assigns forever, And the said Anthony Pate doth hereby Covenant for himself and his heirs that he will Warrant and forever defend unto the said Axston Scott his heirs or Assigns the said land and premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Axston and to his heirs and assigns forever. In Witness whereof the said Anthony Pate hath hereunto Set his hand and affix't his Seal the day and year above Written.
>
> Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of -
> Joseph Wright
> Rob Ben Boyd
> Melkalgah McCormack
>
> Anthony Pate
>
> At A Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of February 1780 - This Indenture was proved by the Oath of Joseph Wright & Micajah McCormack Witnesses whose names are thereto Subscribed - And at a Court held for said County the 25th day of January 1796 - the said Indenture was acknowledged by Anthony Pate party thereto & Ordered to be recorded.
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> Teste. Ja Steptoe CBC"

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs stated that the Bedford County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists listed Axton Scott from 1782 to 1786.

On August 4, 1786, at Bedford County, Virginia, D.B. 7/662 Axton Scott sold 182 acres of land on which he then resided to Rowland Wheeler:

"This Indenture made this 4th day of August One thousand Seven hundred and eighty Six between Axton Scott of the County of Bedford of the One part and Rowland Wheeler of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Axton Scott, for and in Consideration of the sum of One Hundred and thirty two pound Curant Money of Virginia in hand paid to the said Axton Scott by the said Rowland Wheeler hath given granted bargained Sold & delivered and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell & deliver unto the said Roland Wheeler and to his Heirs forever, One certain Tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Bedford on the East fork of Beaverdam Creek & joining the lines of John Wright Rowland Wheeler & David Holliday, It being the Land and plantation whereon the said Axton Scott now lives, and containing One Hundred & eighty two Acres, To Have and to hold the said Land and premises with the Appertainances thereof, unto the said Rowland Wheeler and to his Heirs and assigns forever And he the said Axton Scott doth hereby Covenant for himself and his Heirs that he will warrant and forever defend the said Land & premises unto the said Rowland Wheeler and to his Heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said Axton Scott hath hereunto set his Hand & Seal the day and year abvove written

Sealed & delivered
in the presence of
John Holladay
William Wheeler
John Wright

Axton his X Mark Scott

Memorandum - That on the day & year within mentioned Quiet & peaceable possession and Seizen of the within mentioned Land and premises was made and given by Axton Scott to Rowland Wheeler agreeable to the within written Deed.

In presence of

Axton his X Mark Scott

At a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of December 1786.

This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seizen thereon Indorsed were Acknowledged by Axton Scott party thereto & Ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Ja Steptoe C.BC"

On November 25, 1786, at Bedford County Virginia, D.B. 7/676 Axton Scott sold 74 acres of land to 1815 Joseph Wright of Bedford County:

"This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of November in the Year One thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Six between Axton Scott of Bedford County of the one part & Joseph Wright of the same place of the other part witnesseth that the said Axton Scott for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six Hundred pounds to him in hand paid the reciept whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said Joseph Wright and to his Heirs and assigns forever one certain Tract or parcel of Land containing seventy four acres be the same more or less Lying & being in Bedford County on the north side of Stanton River. Begining at a White Hickory on the River bank thence Northeast to a Corner White Oak thence North to Beaver dam Creek Crossing it thence down the Creek to the river thene up the river to the place of Begining together with all houses outhouses buildings yards Orchards Waters ways Profits Commodities Hereditements and appurtenances thereunto belonging and the revertion and Revertions rents and Profits thereof and all the Estate Right title and property of him the said Axton Scott of in or to the same to have and to hold the said Seventy four acres of Land with all the Appurtenances unto the said Joseph Wright his heirs and assigns forever and the said Axton Scott doth for himself his Heirs hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Joseph Wright his Heirs and assigns that he the said Axton Scott & his Heirs shall and will Warrant and forever defend the said Bargained land to the said Joseph Wright and his Heirs & assigns from all persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the said Axton Scott hath hereunto set his Hand & Seal the day and year first above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presents of us
Tommy Wright
John Wright Senr.
Micajah McCormack

Axton his X mark Scott

Memrandum That on the day & year first within Menchned Quiet & peseble prosshon and Seizon of the within Menchned Land and the premises with the Appertanances was given and made by Axton Scoot to Joseph Wright according to the Efect of the within Written Deed

In presents of us
Tommey Wright
John Wright Senr
Micajah McCormack

Axton his X mark Scott

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22d day of January 1787. This Indenture together with the Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon indorsed were acknowledged by Axton Scott party thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Teste,
Ja Steptoe C.B.C."

This represented the sale of all of the land of Axton Scott, probably preparatory to his move from Bedford County, Virginia.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs stated that the Bedford County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists listed Axton Scott in 1787.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs stated that on October 13, 1789, at Washington County, Virginia, W.B. 1/151 Axton Scott, spelled Aclion Scott, was mentioned in the Inventory & Appraisement of the estate of Thomas Stuart.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed a copy of Washington County, Virginia, Surveyor's Entry Book 1780-1856 which included the following entry dated possibly February 11, 1794 (?):

"Barett (?) Tolbett Junr by warrant No enters 50 acres of land on the south side & on the Waters of the north Fork Joining Neal McNeal's land Dorcus Scott's John McHenrys & siad Tolbett new Sold Surveys on both sides of Lees Creek"

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed a copy of Washington County, Virginia, Land Grants 1753-1781 which listed a survey dated February 11, 1794, for Dorcus Scott:

"Surveyed for Dorcus Scott assignee of John Holliday Fifty acres of Land in Washington County by virtue ___ a Virginia Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 8482 dated the 5th April 1782, lying on sinking branch the ___ waters of the North Fork of Holstein River Beginning at a sugar tree & two beeches corner to Neal McNeal's land ___ running thence N. 28 E. 40 poles to a white oak & dogwood by a path on a ridge; N. 59 W. 90 poles to a stake on a hi___ side; S. 39 W. 11 poles to a buckeye & white oak; S. 67 W. 32 poles to a beech hiccory & gum by a gully S. 10 E. 125 poles to McNeals line & with the same; N. 51 E. 96 poles to the Beginning

11th February 1794 Robt. Preston, S.W.C."

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed a copy of letter written by Ralph Petty Scott, a son of Kemp Scott and grandson of Axton Scott and Dorcas (Wright) Scott, and now in the possession of William Jewell College, which provided as follows:

> "Elder Kemp Scott
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> This faithful Servant and minister of Jesus Christ died at his residence in Carroll County Missouir on the 13 day of April 1864 he wa born in Wasington County Virginia on the 20 day of June 1790 his Father Axton Scott died when he was about Eighteen months old leaving his Mother Dorcas with Eight children and but little means for their Support or Education his Mother died Shortly after the Father and he was put under the ceare of a Brotherinlaw where he remained until 1810 wen he Emigrated to Barren County Ky. . . ."

This record indicates that Axton Scott died in about December 1791 or January 1792. The survey records set forth above indicate in conjunction with this letter indicate that Dorcas Scott lived until about late 1794 or 1795. And the letter indicates that Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott had eight children.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs stated that the will of John Scott probated in 1822 at Campbell County, Kentucky, listed his brothers and sisters, including a brother Kemp Scott who became a minister, as follows:

1) Catharine (Scott) Lockhart,
2) Polly (Scott) Brumlett,
3) Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson,
4) Thomas Jordan Scott,
5) William Scott,
6) Evan Scott, and
7) Kemp Scott.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that the children of Axton and Dorcas Scott were the following:

1) Catharine (Scott) Lockhart, born about 1777 at Bedford County, Virginia,

2) Polly (Scott) Brumlett, born about 1778 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

3) Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson, born about 1780 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

4) John Scott, born about 1782 at Bedford County, Virginia,

5) Thomas Jordan Scott, born about 1784 at Bedford County, Virginia,

6) William Scott, born between 1784 and 1786 probably at Bedford County, Virginia,

7) Evan Scott, born about 1788 possibly at Washington County, Virginia, and

8) Kemp Scott, born on June 20, 1790, at Washington County, Virginia.

1. Catharine (Scott) Lockhart, Her Husband William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., And Her Descendants

Catharine (Scott) Lockhart was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that in October 1830 at Russell County, Virginia, W.B. 4A/524 a Sale Bill for the estate of William Lockhart named Catharine Lockhart and John Lockhart as administrators of the estate of William Lockhart.

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Catharine Scott was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born about 1777 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, married William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., about 1796, and died after 1830, that William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1765 and died on August 27, 1830, at Russell County, Virginia, and that Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., had the following children:

1) Mary (Lockhart) Wiser, born in 1797,

2) John W. Lockhart, born on October 27, 1803,

3) James Lockhart, born in 1805,

4) Rebecca (Lockhart) Sargent, born in 1807,

5) Elizabeth (Lockhart) Colley, born in 1810,

6) Sarah (Lockhart) Smith, born in 1812,

7) Dorcas (Lockhart) Finney, born in 1812, and

8) William Mitchell Lockhart, Jr., born on April 16, 1819.

W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs cited The Lockhart Family Tree, edited and compiled by Swanson B. Lockhart, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, 1975, for information on the Lockhart family.

a. Mary (Lockhart) Wiser And Her Husband Adam Wiser

Mary (Lockhart) Wiser was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Lockhart was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1797, and married Adam Wiser in about 1817.

b. John W. Lockhart And His Wife Susanna (Johnson) Lockhart

John W. Lockhart was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John W. Lockhart was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born on October 27, 1803, married Susanna Johnson in 1831, and died on October 27, 1857, and that Susanna (Johnson) Lockhart was born on June 28, 1807, and died on February 28, 1887.

c. James Lockhart, His Wives Millie (____) Lockhart And Susan (Colley) Lockhart, And His Descendants

James Lockhart was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Lockhart was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1805, married first Millie ____ in 1827, married second Susan Colley in 1832, and died in 1880, that Millie (____)

Lockhart died in about 1830, and that James Lockhart and Millie (____) Lockhart had the following child:

1) Millie Lockhart, born in September 1828.

i. Millie Lockhart

Millie Lockhart was a daughter of James Lockhart and Millie (____) Lockhart. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3], James[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Millie Lockhart was a daughter of James Lockhart and Millie (____) Lockhart and was born in September 1828.

d. Rebecca (Lockhart) Sargent And Her Husband David Sargent

Rebecca (Lockhart) Sargent was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rebecca Lockhart was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1807, and married David Sargent.

e. Elizabeth (Lockhart) Colley And Her Husband George Colley

Elizabeth (Lockhart) Colley was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth Lockhart was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1810, and married George Colley.

f. Sarah (Lockhart) Smith And Her Husband Joseph Smith

Sarah (Lockhart) Smith was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Sarah Lockhart was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1812, and married Joseph Smith about 1829.

g. Dorcas (Lockhart) Finney And Her Husband James Finney

Dorcas (Lockhart) Finney was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Dorcas Lockhart was a daughter of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born in 1812, and married James Finney about 1830.

h. William Mitchell Lockhart, Jr., And His Wife Sally (Stinson) Lockhart

William Mitchell Lockhart was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Catharine[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Mitchell Lockhart, Jr., was a son of Catharine (Scott) Lockhart and William Mitchell Lockhart, Sr., was born on Apri 16, 1819, married Sally Stinson on August 27, 1840, and died on April 2, 1902, and that Sally (Stinson) Lockhart was born on January 12, 1812.

2. Polly (Scott) Brumlett And Her Husband ____ Brumlett

Polly (Scott) Brumlett was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Polly Scott was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born about 1778 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and married ____ Brumlett before 1822.

3. Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson, Her Husband Benjamin Williamson, And Her Descendants

Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucretia "Lucy" Scott was a daughter of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born about 1780 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, and married Benjamin Williamson in about 1797, and died in 1833 at Pike County, Kentucky, that Benjamin Williamson was born in about 1779 at Washington County, Virginia, and died in June 1854 at Pike County, Kentucky, and Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson had the following children:

1) John Williamson, born in 1797 at Virginia,
2) Isabell (Williamson) Maynard, born in 1798,
3) Mary "Polly" (Williamson) Porter, born in 1800,
4) Rebecca (Williamson) Allee, born in 1805,
5) Elizabeth (Williamson) Wooten, born in 1807,
6) Benjamin Williamson, Jr., born in 1809,
7) Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor, born in 1810, and
8) Dorcus (Williamson) Wooten, born in 1812.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "2. Benjamin Williamson, son of Alden and Isabel (Thompson) Williamson, was born about 1779 in Virginia. He married Lucretia Scott. The place and date of their marriage is not known. They came to the Big Sandy Valley in the same immigrant party as his father about 1801. It is not known surely where they first settled. In 1810 they sold the farm where they lived on lower John's Creek and in 1817 bought a farm on Comfort's Creek. Then in 1818 they bought a farm at the mouth of Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek and moved there. By 1829 they had sold there and moved to the Cook farm just above Nolan and were living there.
>
> By this time their children were all married and had homes of their own. Lucretia, Benjamin's wife, died. Peter H. Alley, their grandson, then about seven years old, states in his Articles: 'From what I can remember of grandmother, she was a

worshiper of God. She was buried in the graveyard on the point back of Dr. George Taylor's house. I remember being there.'

Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson's Family. Their children:

John married Nannie Maynard; Isabell married Christopher Maynard; Mary "Polly" married Joseph Porter; Dorcus married Jordon Ooten; Rebecca married Paul Alley; Elizabeth married Silas Ooten; Benjamin married Easter Deskins; Lucretia married James Taylor.

Sometime later, Benjamin married Susan Loar Walker, a widow. He traded his land at the Cook place for a boundary where South Williamson now is and surrounding areas. They made their home there. Again quoting Peter H. Alley: 'My grandfather was a stout, heavy-built man. He sat for hours, relating to me his adventures in his early life in this then wild country and I was delighted to hear them. He was a farmer and a good law-abiding man, respected by all. I believe he claimed to belong to the Methodist Church and had hope of eternal life in his death.

He died in June 1854, in his eighties, and is buried on the hill back of Williamson Town (Now City) and Thomas Kirk preached his funeral from this text: 'For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' The text was selected by grandfather before he died and I was at the meeting.'

Benjamin and Susan (Walker) Williamson's Family. Their children:

Freeman married Matilda Scott; Hammond married Caroline Maynard; Eva married Loransy "Ran" Deskins; Julius married Zettie Butcher.

Concerning Benjamin's second wife: Marvin Williamson states: 'It seems that my mother could not get any information in regard to my great grandmother, Susan (Lore or Loar) (Walker) Williamson. I can't find out her father's name, when nor where she died, nor where she is buried.'"

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucretia Scott married Benjamin Williamson about 1794 at Virginia and died in 1830 at Pike County, Kentucky, that Benjamin Williamson was born in 1779 at Washington County, Virginia, and died on April 24, 1854, at Williamson, West Virginia, and that Lucretia (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson had the following children:

1) John Williamson,

2) Isabelle Williamson, born in 1798 at Virginia,

3) Darcus Williamson, and

4) Rebecca (Williamson) Alley, born on October 22, 1805, at Rock House Fork, Pike County, Kentucky.

a. John Williamson, His Wife Nancy (Maynard) Williamson, And His Descendants

John Williamson was a son of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John Williamson was a son of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1797 at Virginia, married Nancy Maynard on October 5, 1815, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on September 22, 1841, at Pike County, Kentucky.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. John Williamson, born in 1797, oldest child of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, married, on Oct. 5, 1815, Nannie Maynard, daughter of Christopher C. Maynard of lower Brushy Creek, who came from North Carolina. It is not known where they lived before coming to Turkey Creek. He owned all of that creek and the land around where the Miner's Medical Center now is. He was a good farmer and Baptist Minister. While attempting to cross Tug River on a horse when the river was up, he was drowned, and was buried on the hill above where he lived. After his death, his brother Benjamin bought the land from the heirs. Their children were:
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> Richard married Lucy Millard; John married Charity Lowe, (2) Lottie Millard; James married Polly Millard; Ferrell married Sarah Pinson; Sampson died in boyhood; Mose married Elizabeth Jones; Polly married Franklin Varney; Louisa married Silker McCoy; Jonah married Mary Bevins; Jeremiah married Mary Ann Parsons."

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed family group sheets which stated that John Williamson was a son of Lucretia (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson and died in June 1854.

i. Richard Williamson, His Wife Lucy (Millard) Williamson, And His Descendants

Richard Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Richard Williamson, son of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, born in 1816, married Lucy Millard. They reared their family of seven children in the community of Canada, Kentucky. Their names and family records follow:
>
> 5. James "Hodley" Williamson, son of Richard Williamson above married Eliza Blackburn . . . .
>
> 5. Elijah Williamson, son of Richard and Lucy (Millard) Williamson, married Peggie Parsley of Wolf Creek . . . .
>
> 5. Ena Williamson, sister to Elijah above, married Dow Fields . . . .
>
> 5. Malenda Williamson, sister to Ena, above, married Goodwin Adkins, a widower and hotel keeper at Wayne . . . .
>
> 5. Jonah Williamson, son of Richard, born in 1847, married Sarah Canada, daughter of Thomas and Delilah (Bevins) Canada, of Pike County . . . .
>
> 5. Araminta Williamson, sister to Jonah, was born in 1851, in Pike County. She married Amos L. Maynard, in Wayne County, Oct 7, 1873, at Jonah Williamson's home. . . .
>
> 5. Arminda Williamson, sister to Jonah, married Robert (Bob) Canada, brother to Jonah's wife, Sarah . . . .
>
> Mose Williamson, often called "Slabby" Mose to distinguish him from others of the same name. He was a brother to Jonah, James "Holley", Elijah, and four sisters. He was born in Pike County, in 1853 . . . ."

ii. John Williamson, His Wife Charity (Lowe) Williamson, And His Descendants

John Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. John Williamson, Jr., son of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married (1) Charity Lowe, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Frazier) Lowe of Upper Big Creek. John and Charity had three children and she died and John married (2) Lottie Millard, a sister to Lucy and Polly Millard who had married Richard and James Williamson. Three brothers married three sisters.

John and Charity's children were:

5. Jeremiah Williamson, born in 1841, married Nancy Blackburn . . . .

5. Jane Williamson married (1) a Hinkle . . . . Hinkle died and Jane married (2) George Blackburn . . . .

5. Susie Williamson married a Mead and lived near Inez. Charity died and John married Lottie Millard . . . ."

iii. James Williamson, His Wife Polly (Millard) Williamson, And His Descendants

James Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. James Williamson, son of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married Polly Millard, sister to Richard Williamson's wife, Lucy, and John Williamson's second wife, Lottie. We failed to get any further information of this Millard family. They likely lived in the Canada section of Big Creek since that is where they reared their families. James and Polly later moved to Brushy Creek, Pike County. Their children:

5. Louisa Williamson married Gilbert Blackburn . . . .
5. Lottie Williamson married Bill Blackburn . . . .
5. John B. Williamson married Nancy Keezee . . . .
5. Easter Williamson married Bill May . . . .
5. Amy Williamson married B. May . . . .
5. Harve Williamson married Pina Howard . . . .
5. Mary Ann Williamson married John W. Young . . . .
5. Bud Williamson married Josephine Maynard . . . ."

iv. Ferrell Williamson And His Wife Sarah (Pinson) Williamson

Ferrell Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Ferrell Williamson, son of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married Sarah Pinson, sister to preacher George Pinson of Road Fork of Big Creek. They made their home on Bent Branch of John's Creek, where they reared six children. Ferrell died in time of the Civil War. Their children:
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> 5. Easter Williamson married Andrew Jackson "Andy" Young . . . .
>
> 5. Hiram Williamson, better known as "Bank Hi," because he was cashier of the old Williamson Bank for years, married (1) Jane (Maynard) Williamson. . . . Jane died and Bank Hi married (2) Cora A. Varney, ...
>
> 5. Jeff Williamson married (1) Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Alvis and Melvina (Smith) Taylor. . . . Elizabeth died and he married (2) Lillian Rutroff of Pikeville
>
> 5. Tom Williamson married Anna Laura Lawson . . . .
>
> 5. Nancy Williamson married Will Pauley of Rock House Fork of Big Creek . . . .
>
> 5. Matilda Williamson married Nicholas Varney, son of Andrew and Nancy (Rutherford) Varney . . . ."

v. Sampson Williamson

Sampson Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that Sampson Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson and died in boyhood.

vi. Mose Williamson, His Wife Elizabeth (Jones) Williamson, And His Descendants

Mose Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Mose Williamson, son of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married Elizabeth Jones. They resided in the Toler, community. Mose was shot off his horse and killed at the mouth of Pond, in time of the Civil War. They had three children:
>
> 5. Allen Williamson, son of Mose, married (1) Harriett Taylor, daughter of William and Sallie (Maynard) Taylor . . . . Harriett died and Allen married (2) Marsha Akers and moved to Williamson Hollow . . . . Allen latter married (3) Armilda McCoy . . . .
>
> 5. Victoria Williamson, daughter of Mose and Elizabeth (Jones) Williamson, married Billie Maynard . . . .
>
> 5. Edward Williamson, another son of Mose and Elizabeth (Jones) Williamson, married Betty McCoy of Blackberry Fork . . . ."

vii. Polly (Williamson) Varney, Her Husband Franklin Varney, And Her Descendants

Polly (Williamson) Varney was a daughter of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Polly Williamson, daughter of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married Franklin Varney, son of Alex and Susie (Runyon) Varney, Frank and Polly lived in the Varney community on Brushy Creek where they reared a large family. Their children:
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> 5. Mitchell Varney married Susie Smith . . . .
> 5. Lark Varney married Delilah Francis . . . .
> 5. Henry Varney married Bell Sesco . . . .
> 5. Anna Varney married Jack Canada . . . .
> 5. Susie Varney married Lee Scaff . . . .
> 5. Louemma Varney married Randall Harrison . . . .
> 5. Mary Varney married Green Canada . . . .
> 5. Easter Varney married Joe Fields . . . .
> 5. Vicie Varney married Avery Staten . . . ."

viii. Louisa (Williamson) McCoy, Her Husband Silker McCoy, And Her Descendants

Louisa (Williamson) McCoy was a daughter of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that Louisa (Williamson) McCoy was a daughter of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson and married Silker McCoy.

ix. Jonah Williamson, His Wife Mary (Bevins) Williamson, And His Descendants

Jonah Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Jonah Williamson, born in 1834, son of Preacher John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, of the mouth of Turkey Creek, married Mary Bevins, born in 1837, daughter of James and Molly (Pinson) Bevins. They lived on Bent Branch of John's Creek. Jonah died a prisoner, in time of the Civil War. After Jonah's death, Mary married Billy Hinkle. They had two children: Belle and Landon. Mary died in 1895. Children of Jonah and Mary were:
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> 5. James Harvey Williamson, born in 1854, married (1) Isabell Goff . . . . Harve's wife, Isabell, died and he married (2) Mary (Gooslin) Harmon . . . .
>
> 5. Mont Williamson, born in 1856, married (1) Polly Goff . . . . Mont married (2) Tempie Francis, daughter of John Francis . . . .
>
> 5. Victoria Williamson, born in 1858, married Winfield Blackburn . . . .
>
> 5. John Williamson, born in 1859, married (1) Nancy Stratton, (2) Delia Smith . . . ."

x. Jeremiah Williamson, His Wife Mary Ann (Parsons) Williamson, And His Descendants

Jeremiah Williamson was a son of John Williamson and Nancy (Maynard) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], John[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Jeremiah "Jerry" Williamson, the youngest child of John and Nannie (Maynard) Williamson, married Mary Ann Parsons in Pike County. They lived there until 1869 when they moved to the Kelly Knob section of Wayne County. Mary Ann preceded Jerry in death and he married Jane Browning. They are buried in the John Sutherland Cemetery near where they lived. Jerry and Mary Ann had a large family whose names and marriage records follow:
>
> 5. Siddie Williamson married John Marion Moore . . . .
>
> 5. Melvin Williamson married Ninnie Williamson, daughter of James and Cassie Williamson . . . .
>
> 5. Sarah Williamson married Louis Queen, a widower, in 1886 . . . .
>
> 5. Naoma Williamson married Johnnie Coburn . . . .
>
> 5. Cornelius "Teely" Williamson married Martha Damron . . . .
>
> 5. Dillard Williamson married Tetora Meade . . . .
>
> 5. John Williamson married Betty Wiley . . . .
>
> 5. Elias (Aley) Williamson, a Baptist preacher, married Sarah Jane Wiley . . . .
>
> 5. Matilda Williamson married Overton Adkins in 1876 . . . .
>
> 5. Elizabeth Williamson married Louis Mullins . . . ."

b. Isabell (Williamson) Maynard, Her Husband Christopher C. Maynard, And Her Descendants

Isabell (Williamson) Maynard was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Isabell Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1798, and married Christopher C. Maynard on October 5, 1815, at Pike County, Kentucky, and that Christopher C. Maynard was born about 1799 at Wilkes County, North Carolina, and died on February 16, 1875, at Martin County, Kentucky.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. Isabell Williamson, oldest daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson was born about 1798 and married Christopher Maynard, son of Christopher Columbus Maynard who came from North Carolina and was among the very early settlers of the Big Sandy Valley. He settled on lower Brushy Creek. Isabell's husband was a brother to John Williamson's wife, Nannie. Christopher and Isabell lived near where he was reared, on the farm known now as the J. Mont Lowe farm. Eight children were born to this union and were as follows:
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> 4. Benjamin Maynard, born in 1816, ...
> 4. James Maynard . . . .
> 4. Harmon Maynard . . . .
> 4. Jordan Maynard . . . .
> 4. Joseph Maynard . . . .
> 4. Lucretia Maynard . . . ."

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed family group sheets which stated that Isabell Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1798 at Virginia, married Christopher Columbus Maynard on September 30, 1815, at Floyd County, Kentucky, that Christopher Columbus Maynard was known as "One Eyed Kit", and that Isabelle (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard had the following child:

1) Lucretia (Maynard) Preece, born about 1834 at Kentucky.

i. Benjamin Maynard, His Wife Elizabeth (Deskins) Maynard, And His Descendants

Benjamin Maynard was a son of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Benjamin Maynard, born in 1816, married Elizabeth Deskins, a sister to Wallace Williamson's mother, Easter Deskins. They lived at the home place on lower Brushy until about the close of the Civil War when they moved to Minnesota. They had seven children as follows:
>
> 5. John D. Maynard married Nancy Collinsworth . . . .
>
> 5. Rebecca Maynard married Henderson "Hence" Scott . . . .
>
> 5. Marion Maynard married Lodema Bonar . . . .
>
> 5. Elvina Maynard married Lewis G. Runyon. . . .
>
> 5. Easter Maynard married Allex Runyon.
>
> 5. Harmon Maynard, known as Sheriff Harmon, married Mintie Leslie. . . ."

ii. James Maynard, His Wife Sophia (Finley) Maynard, And His Descendants

James Maynard was a son of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. James Maynard married Sophia Finley. They lived on Rockcastle. Their children:
>
> 5. Thomas Maynard, known generally as "Acrefoot," married Dolly Colinsworth . . . .

5. Una Maynard married Raleigh Smith . . . ."

iii. Harmon Maynard, His Wife Elizabeth (Taylor) Maynard, And His Descendants

Harmon Maynard was a son of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Harmon Maynard married Elizabeth Taylor. They lived on Brushy. Their children:

5. Vicie married John Scott . . . .
5. Margaret married Pry Lowe . . . .
5. Sophia married Bill Francis . . . .
5. Sarah married Bud Lowe . . . ."

iv. Jordan Maynard, His Wife Vinnie (Nichols) Maynard, And His Descendants

Jordan Maynard was a son of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Jordan Maynard married Vinnie Nichols in 1853. They lived on lower Brushy and had six children as follows:

5. Flem married Bell James . . . .
5. Angeline married George Hensley . . . .
5. Lucy married William Moore . . . .
5. Lizzie married Samuel Moore . . . .
5. Rebecca married Frank Fields . . . .
5. Sarah married William Scott . . . ."

v. Joseph Maynard, His Wife Elizabeth (Clay) Maynard, And His Descendants

Jordan Maynard was a son of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Joseph Maynard married Elizabeth Clay. They had one child:

5. Elijah Maynard married Susie Taylor . . . ."

vi. Lucretia (Maynard) Preece, Her Husband Cornelius Preece, And Her Descendants

Lucretia (Maynard) Preece was a daughter of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Isabell[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Lucretia Maynard married Cornelius Preece. Three children: Wesley, Sheridan, and Lizzie."

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucretia Maynard was a daughter of Isabell (Williamson) Maynard and Christopher Columbus Maynard, was born about 1834 at Kentucky, and married Cornelious Wilburn Preece, that Cornelious Wilburn Preece was born on November 23, 1825, at Floyd County, Kentucky, and died on July 8, 1907, and that Lucretia (Maynard) Preece and Cornelious Wilburn Preece had the following children:

1) Alexander Andrew Preece, born on June 15 1851, at Lawrence County, Kentucky,

2) William Benjamin Preece, born in February 1853 at Martin County, Kentucky,

3) Cornelius W. Preece, born on A;pril 25, 1856, at Johnson County, Kentucky,

4) Henry J. Preece, born on November 2, 1858, at Johnson County, Kentucky,

5) Solomon S. Preece, born on November 2, 1858, at Johnson County, Kentucky,

6) Lavina Margaret (Preece) Delong, born on March 21, 1861, at Johnson County, Kentucky,

7) Elizabeth M. Preece, born about 1865,

8) Hiram W. Preece, born in 1867,

9) Mary E. Preece, born in 1869, and

10) Wilburn Sheridan Preece, born about 1873.

c. Mary "Polly" (Williamson) Porter, Her Husband Joseph Porter, And His Descendants

Mary "Polly" (Williamson) Porter was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary "Polly" Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1800, and married Joseph Porter on December 28, 1817, at Floyd County, Kentucky.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. Polly Williamson, second daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, born in 1800, married Joseph Porter. They lived a few miles from Inez on the Middle Fork of Rockcastle, where they reared a family of nine children.
>
> It is disappointing that we have been able to contact only two of the nine families. They are Susan who married Johnie Stepp and Benjamin who married Nancy Cassady."

i. Susan (Porter) Stepp, Her Husband Johnie Stepp, And Her Descendants

Susan (Porter) Stepp was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Susan Porter married Johnie Stepp, son of Thomas Stepp. Their home was at the mouth of Long Branch of Big Creek, in Pike County. Their children:
>
> 5. Hiram Stepp, born in 1842, married Sarah Ann Maynard . . . .
>
> 5. Thomas (Tom) Stepp, born in 1844, married Charity Runyon, daughter of Adron and Jane (Maynard) Runyon of Pound Creek . . . .
>
> 5. Marion Stepp, born in 1852, married Jane Lowe, daughter of Lawer T. and Armenda (Runyon) Lowe, Aug. 28, 1873 . . . .
>
> 5. Martha Jane Stepp, born in 1855, married Bud Duncan, son of Anderson and Polly (Taylor) Duncan of Nolan . . . ."

ii. Benjamin F. Porter, His Wife Nancy (Cassady) Porter, And His Descendants

Benjamin F. Porter was a son of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Benjamin F. Porter married Nancy Cassady. They reared their family on the Middle Fork of Rockcastle. Their children:
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> 5. Alexander "Brud" Porter married Dollie Mills . . . .
> 5. Ben Porter married Sarah Pemberton . . . .
> 5. Polly Porter married Henry Thompson . . . .
> 5. Teelie "Tee" Porter married Dow Ramey . . . ."

iii. Rebecca (Porter) Porter, Her Husband Alexander Porter, And Her Descendants

Rebecca (Porter) Porter was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Rebecca Porter married Alexander Porter. No further record;"

iv. Lucretia (Porter) (Ward) Cassady And Her Husbands Solomon Ward And Alex Cassady

Lucretia (Porter) (Ward) Cassady was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"Lucretia Porter married (1) Solomon Ward. (2) Alex Cassady;"

v. Analily (Porter) Collingsworth And Her Husband Elijah Collingsworth

Analily (Porter) Collingsworth was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"Analily Porter married Elijah Collinsworth;"

vi. Eliza (Porter) Hardin And Her Husband Monday Hardin

Eliza (Porter) Hardin was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"Eliza Porter married Monday Hardin. No further record;"

vii. Joseph Porter And His Wife Eunice (Mutters) Porter

Joseph Porter was a son of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"Joseph Porter married Eunice Mutters;"

viii. Matilda (Porter) Fields And Her Husband Reuben Fields

Matilda (Porter) Fields was a daughter of Mary (Williamson) Porter and Joseph Porter. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Mary[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"Matilda Porter married Reuben Fields."

d. Rebecca (Williamson) Allee Or Alley And Her Husband Paul Allee or Alley

Rebecca (Williamson) Allee or Alley was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rebecca Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1805, married Paul Allee on March 26, 1820, at Floyd County, Kentucky, and died in 1863, and that Paul Allee was born in 1798 at Virginia and died in 1863.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. Rebecca Williamson, 1805-1863, fourth daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, married in 1820, to Paul Alley, 1798-1865, son of Peter and Jane (Hundley) Alley of Virginia. Paul Alley was a farmer, skilled in mechanical work and was a preacher. They lived on the Kentucky side of Tug River, five miles below Williamson. Their family of nine children were:

4. Polly Alley, born in 1822, ...
4. Peter H. Alley, 1826-1909, ...
4. Benjamin W. Alley, b. 1829, ...
4. Nancy Alley, b. 1831, ...
4. Elizabeth "Betsy" Alley, b. 1834,
4. Thomas C. Alley, b. 1839 . . . .
4. Sarah Alley, b. 1842 . . . .
4. Rebecca Alley, 1845-1895, ..."

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rebecca Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born on October 22, 1805, at Rock House Fork, Pike County, Kentucky, married Paul Alley, Jr., on March 27, 1820, at Floyd County, Kentucky, died on June 1, 1863, at Hurricane, Pike County, Kentucky, and was buried at Hurricane, Pike County, Kentucky, and that Paul Alley, Jr., was born on October 25, 1798, at Clinch River, Virginia, was a preacher and wheelwright, and died on May 23, 1865, at Martin County, Kentucky.

i. Polly (Alley) Farley, Her Husband John Farley, And Her Descendants

Polly (Alley) Farley was a daughter of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Polly Alley, born in 1822, married John Farley. They lived on Turkey Creek and had eleven children:

5. William Farley married Leticia Brewer from Marrowbone Creek . . . .

5. Rebecca Farley, daughter of John and Polly (Alley) Farley, married Aaron Runyon in 1866 . . . .

5. John Henry Farley married Melvina Herald . . . .

5. Paul Farley married (1) Mary Jane Bowen, daughter of Dr. John R. and Barbara (Crum) Bowen of Crum, W. Va. Mary Jane died and Paul married (2) America Reed . . . .

5. Charity Farley married Samuel Brewer . . . .

5. Floyd Farley married (1) Izela Crum of Crum, W. Va. . . . . Izela died and Floyd married (2) Frances Varney, also of Crum . . . .

5. Anderson Farley married Alice Lunsford . . . ."

ii. Peter H. Alley, His Wife Sarah E. (Stanley) Alley, And His Descendants

Peter H. Alley was a son of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Peter H. Alley, 1826-1909, married Sarah E. Stanley, daughter of Mose and Nellie (Lowe) Stanley, on Dec. 21, 1854. Their home was near the mouth of Hurricane Creek, five miles below Williamson, where they reared thirteen children as follows:

5. John P. Alley, b. 1855, married Polly Slater, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Harris) Slater . . . .

5. Rebecca Alley, b. 1857, married Thomas "Bear Hunter" Slater, brother to Polly above . . . .

5. Paul Z. Alley, b. 1858, married Lydia Farley . . . .

5. Peter V. Alley, 1860-1938, married Martha Pauley . . . .

5. Moses G. Alley, b. 1862, married (1) Mary Ferrell . . . . Moses' wife died and he married (2) Martha Ferrell, twin sister to his first wife . . . .

5. Benjamin T. Alley, b. 1863, married Sarah Jane Pinson . . . .

5. Thomas K. Alley, b. 1865, was not married;

George W. Alley, b. 1867, married (1) Sophia Slater . . . . George's wife died and he married (2) Reene Hatfield, daughter of Anderson and Polly (Runyon) Hatfield . . . . Reene died and George married (3) Pricy (Runyon) Smith . . . .

5. Sarah M. Alley, b. 1868, married Dow Deskins . . . .

5. Nancy A. Alley, b. 1870, married James Lowe . . . .

Esther Alley, b. 1872 and died 1890, unmarried;

Luke S. Alley, b. 1873, married Angeline Smith of Raccoon Fork of John's Creek . . . .

5. Hosea B., Alley, b. 1876, married Sarah Ann Pinson . . . .

The following item is taken from Peter H. Alley's family record.

"I, Peter H. Alley, was born April 14, 1826, a little ways up the Rock House Fork of Big Creek when this country was quite new and full of game. I have been a Church member ever since 1854, and have tried to serve as a preacher for many years.

"I have been a citizen of Kentucky all of my life and most of my life in Pike County. I am nearly 75 years old. I never gave testimony before any court in my life. I was never drunk.

"In regard to manual labor, farming has been my dependence, but I have worked considerable at mechanical work from a little of these: Carpenter, wheel chairs, furniture, reed making, blacksmithing, tanning, shoemaking, coopering and water mills."

iii. Benjamin W. Alley, His Wife Elizabeth (Thornbury) Alley, And His Descendants

Benjamin W. Alley was a son of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Benjamin W. Alley, b. 1829, married Elizabeth Thornbury, stepdaughter of Allen Taylor. They lived on Hurricane awhile, then on John's Creek. His wife died and he married Sarah Dotson, a widow. They moved to Wise County, Virginia, where he died and is buried. His children by his first wife were:

5. Paul Alley married (1) Malenda Runnels. (2) Mary Jane Leslie . . . .

5. Jamima Alley married William Sherman . . . .

5. William C. Alley, 1858-1937, married (1) Mary Meadows . . . . William's first wife died and he married (2) Elizabeth Rutherford . . . .

5. Martin Alley, b. 1854, married Sarah A. Maynard . . . .

5. Benjamin Alley, b. 1862, married Emily D. Dotson . . . .

Elizabeth Alley, b. 1866, married Paton Dotson . . . .

Rebecca Alley, b. 1870, married Alex Rutherford . . . .

Noah, Lucretia, Thomas, and Nancy died unmarried."

iv. Nancy (Alley) Maynard, Her Husband William Maynard, And Her Descendants

Nancy (Alley) Maynard was a daughter of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Nancy Alley, b. 1831, married William Maynard. They went to Texas to live. Their children were:

Lydia (Judy) Maynard married George Runyon . . . .
Hereford Maynard married Jose Jones . . . .
John Maynard married Mary Owens;
Rebecca Maynard married John Anderson;
Isabell Maynard married George Wharton;
Paul, Benjamin and Peter died in childhood."

v. Elizabeth (Alley) Blankenship, Her Husband William Blankenship, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Alley) Blankenship was a daughter of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Elizabeth "Betsy" Alley, b. 1834, married William Blankenship of Rockcastle. They lived on Little Rockcastle Fork of Wolf Creek. Elizabeth was the second wife of her husband, he having been married first to Frances Lowe, sister to O. B. M. Lowe of Big Creek. Frances died at the birth of her third child, the child died also. The two girls: Evaline who married William Copley, and Sarah Ann, who married (1) John Ross and (2) Jim Compton, were reared with the children of the second family who were:

5. Rebecca married William Sword;
Alice married Burl Morgan;
Lizzie married William Dexter;
William Henry "Bud" married Ella Chaney;
Ellen married Lucian Moore; and
Thomas . . . . married Tamsy Stepp."

vi. Thomas C. Alley, His Wife Cosbi (Thompson) Alley, And His Descendants

Thomas C. Alley was a son of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Thomas C. Alley, b. 1839 and died 1895, married Cosbi Thompson, daughter of John and Sally (Slater) Thompson, of Buffalo Creek, Mingo County. They lived at Alley Branch between Chattaroy and Borderland. He was a farmer, handyman and preacher for several years before he died. He is buried on the point north of where they lived. They had the following children.

5. Ellen V. Alley, b. 1859, married Wayne Scott . . . .

5. Benjamin W. Alley, b. 1861, married Pricy Hatfield . . . .

5. Thomas M. Alley, b. 1862 and died 1894, married Ella Pauley . . . .

5. John T. Alley, 1864-1960, married (1) Emma Lowe . . . . Emma died May 1, 1898 and he married (2) Emma (Yost) Davis . . . .

5. Melissa Alley, b. 1874, married Anderson "Bud" Hatfield . . . .

5. David P. Alley, b. 1876 and died in 1912, married Sarah Ann Farley of Pond Creek . . . .

5. Lydia E. Alley, b. 1878, married Robert "Bob" Hatfield . . . .

5. Sarah, Rebecca, Melvin, Dosbi, and Mary died unmarried."

vii. Sarah (Alley) Webb, Her Husband John Webb, And Her Descendants

Sarah (Alley) Webb was a daughter of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Sarah Alley, b. 1842 and died in 1863, married John Webb. They lived at the Alley Branch. Sarah died after the birth of her first child, Marsh. His Webb grandparents raised him about the mouth of Wolf Creek. He married Cloah Ann Davis and they lived in the Webb community near the mouth of Wolf Creek and had the following children: Laura, W. J., Willie, John Henry, Fannie, Zelda, Columbus, Albert, and Delbert."

viii. Rebecca (Alley) Delong, Her Husband William Isaac Delong, And Her Descendants

Rebecca (Alley) Delong was a daughter of Rebecca (Williamson) Alley and Paul Alley. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Rebecca[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Rebecca Alley, 1845-1895, the youngest child of her parents, married William Isaac Delong, 1842-1888. They were married in 1865 and made their home on Flatwood Branch of John's Creek, near Van Lear, Kentucky. William was a farmer, son of George and Polly (Moore) Delong. There children are:

5. Thomas J. Delong, born Sept. 6, 1866, married Maggie Brown . . . .

5. Mary Louise Delong, born Feb. 20, 1870, married John Henry Arrowood . . . .

5. David LeLong, born on Nov. 19, 1871 and died July 16, 1958, married Mary Etta Arrowood . . . .

5. Ben Delong, born Feb. 17, 1873, died April 19, 1958, married Sarah Sammons . . . .

5. Isaac Delong, born Feb. 17, 1873, twin with Ben died Oct. 1, 1938. He married Minerva Frankling . . . .

5. Alex Delong, born Feb. 19, 1876, married Virgie Goble . . . .

5. Kenis Delong, born Feb. 12, 1879 and died May 27, 1949, married Cynthia Hurt . . . .

5. James Delong, born Dec. 18, 1880, died June 22, 1950, married Leona Butcher . . . .

5. John T. Delong, born Mar. 26, 1887, married Dora Hyden . . . .

5. George L. Delong and Paul Delong both died in infancy."

e. Elizabeth (Williamson) Wooten Or Ooten, Her Husbands Silas Wooten Or Ooten, Abraham Millard, And John Sandedge, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Williamson) (Wooten or Ooten) (Millard) Sandedge was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1807, and married Silas Wooten on August 12, 1827, at Pike County, Kentucky.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"3. Elizabeth Williamson, born in 1807, the fifth daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, married (1) Silas Ooten. They lived awhile at the mouth of Rock House Fork of Big Creek. They sold to George Bevins and moved to Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek. They had two children: William and Polly. Silas died and Elizabeth married Abrham Millard. They had four sons. Abraham died and Elizabeth married (3) John Sandredge. They did not live together long and she went to stay with her son Benjamin Millard at Dan's Branch, six miles west of Williamson. She is buried on the point below Dan's Branch. Children by Silas Ooten were:

4. William Ooten . . . .

4. Polly Ooten, born about 1830, ...

The children of Abraham and Elizabeth (Williamson-Ooten) Millard are:

4. Abraham Millard, Jr., ...
4. Andrew J. Millard . . . .
4. Benjamin Millard . . . .
4. Joseph Millard. . . ."

i. William Ooten, His Wife Polly (Runyon) Ooten, And His Descendants

William Ooten was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) Ooten and Silas Ooten. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. William Ooten married Polly Runyon, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Starr) Runyon, about 1850. They lived on Trace Fork of Pigeon and had the following children:

5. Alexander Ooten married Polly Varney. . . .
5. Silas Ooten married Rosie Shepherd . . . .
5. Riley Ooten married Thurzie Harris . . . .
5. Benjamin Ooten married Johnathan Estep's daughter, Katie; Betty Ooten married Jim Marcum . . . .
5. Risbie Ooten married John Ance Blair . . . ."

ii. Polly (Ooten) Taylor, Her Husband James Taylor, And Her Descendants

William Ooten was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) Ooten and Silas Ooten. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Polly Ooten, born about 1830, married James "Jim Rink" Taylor, son of Jesse and Frances (Stilts) Taylor. Jesse was a brother to Lucretia Williamson's husband, James Taylor and Allen Taylor of Brushy Creek. "Jim Rink" and Polly (Ooten) Taylor lived about a mile below the mouth of Big Creek and reared a family of five children as follows:

5. America Taylor married Author Word . . . .
Martha Taylor married John Reynolds . . . .
Dixie Taylor married (1) Mat Preston. (2) Ben Porter.
5. Henry C. Taylor married Elizabeth Cassady . . . .
John Green Taylor married Clara Cornett . . . ."

iii. Abraham Millard, Jr., His Wife Rachel (Burgett) Millard, And His Descendants

Abraham Millard, Jr., was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) (Ooten) Millard and Abraham Millard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Abraham Millard, Jr., married Rachel Burgett, daughter of John Burgett and sister to Ben Taylor's wife Elizabeth. They lived half mile above Hurricane Creek. Their children: John B. and Wallace Millard lived near Louisa, Ky.; Elizabeth "Betty" Millard married John Diamond about 1778. They moved in the country, back of Louisa. No further record of these families."

iv. Andrew J. Millard, His Wives Ruthelmore (Slater) Millard And Matilda (Thompson) Millard, And His Descendants

Andrew J. Millard was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) (Ooten) Millard and Abraham Millard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Andrew J. Millard married (1) Ruthelmore Slater, sister to "Bear Hunter" Slater. She died and Andy married (2) Matilda Thompson. Andy and Ruthelmore had one daughter, Betty.

5. Betty Millard married Amos Leslie . . . ."

v. Benjamin Millard, His Wife Josephine (Slater) Millard, And His Descendants

Benjamin Millard was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) (Ooten) Millard and Abraham Millard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Benjamin Millard married Josephine Slater, another sister to "Bear Hunter" Slater. They lived just below the mouth of Dan's Branch of Tug River. They had two children:
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> 5. Jenny Millard married Adron Hatfield . . . .
> 5. William "Bill" Millard married Columbia Stepp . . . ."

vi. Joseph Millard And His Wife Naomi (Burgett) Millard, And His Descendants

Joseph Millard was a son of Elizabeth (Williamson) (Ooten) Millard and Abraham Millard. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Elizabeth[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Joseph Millard married Naomi Burgett, another daughter of John Burgett. Joseph and Naomi moved to Magoffin County. We have no further record of them."

f. Benjamin Williamson, Jr., His Wife Ester Or Easter (Derkins or Deskins) Williamson

Benjamin Williamson, Jr., was a son of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Benjamin Williamson, Jr., was a son of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1809, and married Ester Derkins.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. Benjamin Williamson, II, the second son of Benjamin, Sr. and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, born in 1808, on lower John's Creek, in Floyd County, married Easter Deskins, who was born in 1815, sister to uncle Jimmie Deskins of Borderland. They were married May 8, 1829, while Benjamin's parents lived a short distance above Nolan and the Deskins' home was a short distance below Nolan.

"Ben" and Easter first settled at the farm presently known as the Dr. George Taylor farm. They bought the land where Williamson now is and surrounding areas and moved there. After his brother John died, Ben bought Turkey Creek from the heirs and they moved there. He was a farmer and merchant, respected by all. They were members of the Baptist Church for many years before he died in 1880 and she died in 1900. They are buried on the hill behind the City of Williamson. Their seven children were:

Hiram maried Jane Maynard;
Mitchell A. married Elizabeth Hascu;
Matilda married Thomas Marr;
John B. married Levisa Maynard;
Wallace J. married America Slater;
Floyd E. married Victoria Leslie;
Benjamin D. married Parlee Taylor."

i. Hiram Harrison Williamson, His Wife Jane (Maynard) Williamson, And His Descendants

Hiram Harrison Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Hiram Harrison Williamson, born 1831, married Jane Maynard, daughter of Alvis, Sr., and Harriet (Taylor) Maynard, and sister to Alvis, Jr., who operated the ferry boat across Tug River at Williamson. Hiram and Jane lived in the red brick house a short distance up from the mouth of Pond Creek. There were no children. Hiram died young."

ii. Mitchell A. Williamson, His Wife Elizabeth (Hascu) Williamson, And His Descendants

Mitchell A. Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Mitchell A. Williamson, born in 1833, married Elizabeth Hascu. It is not definitely known where they lived. Mitchell died young. Some think he met an accidental death. Their children:

Mitchell Williamson, Jr., drowned in Tug River, unmarried.
5. Benjamin F. Williamson married Esther J. Bevins . . . ."

iii. John B. Williamson, His Wife Levisa (Maynard) Williamson, And His Descendants

John B. Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. John B. Williamson, born in 1840, married Levisa Maynard, a sister to Hi's wife, Jane. They lived near Williamson and had two children. John B. died young. Their children:

5. Hiram H. Williamson married Minnie Lawson . . . .
5. Bell Williamson married Jimmie Johns . . . ."

iv. Matilda (Williamson) Marr, Her Husband Thomas Marr, And Her Descendants

Matilda (Williamson) Marr was a daughter of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Matilda Williamson, daughter of Benjamin H. and Easter (Deskins) Williamson, born in 1842, married Thomas Marr, son of John Marr of Shelby Creek. Thomas was a soldier in the Civil War. After the war, they kept a store near the mouth of Pond Creek, then moved to Catlettsburg, then to Huntington. His last work was Wharf Boat Operator. Their children:

5. Donald A. Marr married Nellie. . . .
Benjamin Williamson Marr married Mattie Renick . . . .
Easter Marr married Henry Lanman . . . .

5. John Marr married Mary Champ . . . .
Fannie Marr married Louis Prichard . . . .
5. Belle Virginia Marr married Wm. H. Groverman . . . ."

v. Wallace J. Williamson, His Wife America (Slater) Williamson, And His Descendants

Wallace J. Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Wallace J. Williamson, born in 1845, married America Slater, daughter of James and Martha (Harris-Runyon) Slater. They lived on the farm where Williamson now is. Financial success seemed to follow every undertaking of "W. J." He was a farmer, timberman, real-estate dealer and banker. They moved to Ceredo. America died there Aug. 17, 1881. Wallace married Ella Clinefelter and they moved to Catlettsburg.

Early in the 1900s, Wallace moved back to Williamson. He built the bridge connecting Williamson and South Williamson and had the latter laid out for a Williamson suburb. His third marriage was to Ellen Blair and they moved to South Williamson. Wallace died in 1929 and was buried at Williamson. The children of Wallace and America Williamson were:

5. Rush Floyd Williamson married Frances Housbell . . . .

5. Benjamin Mitchell Williamson, born in 1864 where Williamson now is, married Ceres Wellman . . . .

5. Matilda E. Williamson married Purla Brubaker, Mr. 14, 1889;

Fannie Williamson married (1) J. W. Kouns, in 1890 . . . . Fannie married (2) John Russell

5. Wallace Williamson, Jr., died at age 14."

vi. Floyd Williamson, His Wife Victoria (Leslie) Williamson, And His Descendants

Floyd Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Floyd Williamson, born in 1846, married Victoria Leslie of John's Creek. Floyd was a farmer. They lived on Turkey Creek and had one child:
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> 5. Hiram T. Williamson married Emma Lawson . . . ."

vii. Benjamin Deskins Williamson, His Wife Parlee (Taylor) Williamson, And His Descendants

Benjamin Deskins Williamson was a son of Benjamin Williamson, Jr., and Easter (Deskins) Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Benjamin[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Benjamin Deskins Williamson, born in 1849, married Parlee Taylor, daughter of William A. and "Sally" (Maynard) Taylor. Benjamin D. heired the land where Williamson now is. He sold it to his brother Wallace and moved to Catlettsburg in 1891. They lived in a large brick building just below the C. & O. Depot in Catlettsburg. Their children were:
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> 5. John B. Williamson married (1) Rosa Leonard . . . . John B. and Rosa were divorced and he married (2) Edna Blair . . . .
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> 5. Roland Williamson married Mary Bell Atkins . . . .
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> 5. Kenna A. Williamson died in 1899, unmarried;
>
> Mildred Williamson married Lillian Davis . . . .
>
> 5. Victoria Williamson married Edward Mahan . . . .
>
> 5. Matilda Williamson married John M. Graham . . . .
>
> 5. Dove Williamson married Winn Adams . . . .

5. Lute Williamson maried Lane Schofield . . . ."

g. Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor, Her Husband James Taylor, And Her Descendants

Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lucretia Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1810, and married James Taylor.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "Lucretia Williamson, youngest child of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson, was born about 1810 and married James Taylor, brother of Jesse Taylor of Upper Pigeon Creek whose son, "Jim-Rink" Taylor, married Polly Ooten, daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Williamson) Ooten. James was also a brother of Allen Taylor of Brushy Creek, father of Henry Taylor and Alifair who married George Fraley of Big Creek. James and Lucy's children:
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> 4. Alexandria, the oldest child, ...
> 4. Benjamin Taylor . . . .
> 4. Polly Taylor . . . .
> 4. Rebecca Taylor. . . .
> 4. Elizabeth Taylor . . . .
> 4. Alpha Taylor . . . .
> 4. Allen Taylor . . . ."

i. Alexandria Taylor

Alexandria Taylor was a daughter of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Alexandria, the oldest child, was never married."

ii. Benjamin Taylor

Benjamin Taylor was a son of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Benjamin Taylor married Elizabeth Burgett, daughter of John Burgett who lived at the mouth of Burgett Branch of Big Creek. Ben was a farmer. They lived a short distance above where the old saw-long boom was. They reared only two children as follows:
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> 5. Sarah Taylor married William A. "Bill" Harris . . . .
> 5. Dr. George Taylor married Betty Bowen . . . ."

iii. Polly (Taylor) Duncan, Her Husband Anderson Duncan, And Her Descendants

Polly (Taylor) Duncan was a daughter of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "4. Polly Taylor married Anderson Duncan, son of Mark Duncan. They lived on a little branch at the lower end of Nolan. Their children were:
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> 5. Bud Duncan married Jane Stepp . . . .
> 5. Burnum Duncan's marriage record is not known;
> Ann Duncan married Jim Chapman."

iv. Rebecca (Taylor) Vernatter, Her Husband Lewis Vernatter, And Her Descendants

Rebecca (Taylor) Vernatter was a daughter of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Rebecca Taylor married Lewis Vernatter, March 9, 1874, at the mouth of Big Creek. Witnesses: James Taylor and William O'Brient. Minister, William Hensley. No further record."

v. Elizabeth (Taylor) Litton, Her Husband Gus Litton, And Her Descendants

Elizabeth (Taylor) Litton was a daughter of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Elizabeth Taylor married Gus Litton. One child: James. They lived about Nolan and Chattaroy."

vi. Alpha (Taylor) Slater, Her Husband William Slater, And Her Descendants

Alpha (Taylor) Slater was a daughter of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Alpha Taylor married William Slater. They lived in the upper end of Nolan. They had only one child:

5. Louise Slater married Melvin Romans . . . ."

vii. Allen Taylor, His Wife Mary (Arthur) Taylor, And His Descendants

Allen Taylor was a son of Lucretia (Williamson) Taylor and James Taylor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3], Lucretia[4])

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

"4. Allen Taylor married Mary Arthur. Their children were:

5. Jane Taylor married Solomon Williamson . . . .
5. Nannie Taylor married John Meeks . . . ."

h. Dorcus (Williamson) Wooten Or Ooten And Her Husband Jordan Wooten Or Ooten

Dorcus (Williamson) Wooten or Ooten was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Lucretia[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Dorcus Williamson was a daughter of Lucretia "Lucy" (Scott) Williamson and Benjamin Williamson, was born in 1812, married Jordan Wooten on April 20, 1823, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died at possibly Indiana.

In her email dated May 24, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed excerpts from Alden Williamson by Joseph W. Alley which stated that:

> "3. Dorcus Williamson, born about 1802, married Jordan Ooten, brother to Silas Ooten who married Elizabeth Williamson and lived on Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek. Dorcus was a daughter of Benjamin and Lucretia (Scott) Williamson. She and Jordan moved somewhere in Indiana. We have no further record."

4. John Scott And His Wife Sarah (Humphries) Scott

John Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born about 1782 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, married Sarah Humphries on April 24, 1806, at Campbell County, Kentucky, and died about November 15, 1822, at Campbell County, Kentucky, and that Sarah (Humphries) Scott died after 1822.

5. Thomas Jordan Scott, His Wives Betsy (Allee) Scott And Anna (Birdsong) Scott, And His Descendants

Thomas Jordan Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas Jordan Scott was a son of Dorcas

(Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born about 1784 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, married first Betsy Allee on January 7, 1805, at Barren County, Kentucky, married second Anna Birdson on January 24, 1843, at Cole County, Missouri, that Betsy (Allee) Scott was born in about 1789 at Virginia, and died before 1843, and that Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott had the following children:

1) John A. "Rooster" Scott, born in 1833,
2) William Scott,
3) David Scott,
4) Kemp Scott, and
5) Charity Scott.

a. John A. "Rooster" Scott And His Wife Barbara (Wade) Scott

John A. "Rooster" Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Thomas Jordan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John A. "Rooster" Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott, was born in 1833, married Barbara Wade, and died in 1908 and that Barbara (Wade) Scott was born in 1837 and died in 1895.

b. William Scott

William Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Thomas Jordan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott.

c. David Scott

David Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Thomas Jordan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that David Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott.

d. Kemp Scott

Kemp Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Thomas Jordan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Kemp Scott was a son of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott.

e. Charity Scott

Charity Scott was a daughter of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Thomas Jordan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Charity Scott was a daughter of Thomas Jordan Scott and Betsy (Allee) Scott.

6. William Scott, His Wife Elizabeth "Betty" (McCoy) Scott, And His Descendants

William Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born between 1784 and 1786 probably at Bedford County, Virginia, married Elizabeth "Betty" McCoy about 1802, and died about 1870 at Pike County, Kentucky, that Elizabet "Betty" (McCoy) Scott was born about 1787 possibly at Maryland, and that William Scott and Elizabeth "Betty" (McCoy) Scott had the following children:

1) Mary (Scott) Porter, born in 1803 at Floyd County, Kentucky,
2) Nancy (Scott) McColley, born in 1805 at Floyd County, Kentucky,
3) Andrew Scott, born on December 23, 1809, at Floyd County, Kentucky,
4) John Scott, born in 1813 at Floyd County, Kentucky,
5) Axton Scott, born in 1814 at Floyd County, Kentucky,
6) Daniel Scott, born in 1815 at Floyd County, Kentucky,
7) Barnabus "Barney" Scott, born in 1819 at Floyd County, Kentucky,

8) Evan Scott, born in 1822 at Floyd County, Kentucky,

9) James Thomas Scott, born on FEbruary 5, 1823, at Pike County, Kentucky, and

10) Rebecca (Scott) Blackburn, born in 1827 at Pike County, Kentucky.

a. Mary (Scott) Porter And Her Husband Elijah Porter

Mary (Scott) Porter was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary Scott was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1803 at Floyd County, Kentucky, married Elijah Porter on February 6, 1825, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died about 1838.

b. Nancy (Scott) McColley And Her Husband Thomas Jefferson McColley

Nancy (Scott) McColley was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Scott was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1805 at Floyd County, Kentucky, married Thomas Jefferson McColley on August 14, 1823, at Pike County, Kentucky, and that Thomas Jefferson McColley was born about 1754 at probably Virginia.

c. Andrew Scott And His Wife Margaret "Peggy" (Pinson) Scott

Andrew Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Andrew Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born on December 23, 1809, at Floyd County, Kentucky, and married Margaret "Peggy" Pinson on May 13, 1830, at Pike County, Kentucky.

d. John Scott And His Wife Mary "Polly" (Helvey) Scott

John Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1813 at Floyd County, Kentucky, and married Mary "Polly" Helvey on March 9, 1834, at Pike County, Kentucky.

e. Axton Scott And His Wife Ruth Ann "Ruthy" (Blevins) Scott

Axton Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Axton Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1814 at Floyd County, Kentucky, and married Ruth Ann "Ruthy" Blevins on October 27, 1836, at Pike County, Kentucky.

f. Daniel Scott, His Wife Nancy (Stafford) Scott, And His Descendants

Daniel Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Daniel Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1815 at Floyd County, Kentucky, and married Ruth Ann "Ruthy" Blevins on October 27, 1836, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on July 10, 1885, that Ruth Ann (Blevins) Scott was born about 1818, and that Daniel Scott and Ruth Ann (Blevins) Scott had the following child:

1) Epperson Scott, born in March 1849 at Kentucky.

i. Epperson Scott, His Wife Jane (Hatfield) Scott, And His Descendants

Epperson Scott was a son of Daniel Scott and Ruth Ann (Blevins) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Daniel[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Epperson Scott was a son of Daniel Scott and Ruth Ann (Blevins) Scott, was born in March 1849 at Kentucky, married Jane Hatfield

on September 7, 1871, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on September 20, 1900, and that Epperson Scott and Jane (Hatfield) Scott had the following children:

1) Anderson Scott, born in August 1872,
2) Floyd Scott, born in July 1874,
3) Polly Scott, born in August 1877, and
4) Wayne Scott, born on July 6, 1883.

g. Barnabus "Barney" Scott And His Wife Matilda (Helvey) Scott

Barnabus "Barney" Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Barnabus "Barney" Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1819 at Floyd County, Kentucky, and married Matilda Helvey on October 15, 1839, at Lawrence County, Kentucky.

h. Evan Scott, His Wife Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, And His Descendants

Evan Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs stated that the 1840 Census for Grayson County, Virginia, listed Evan Scott with the following household:

Males	Aged	Females	Age
1	40-50	1	50-60
1	10-15	1	5-10
1	5-10		
1	0-5		

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Evan Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1822 at Floyd County, Kentucky, married Martha "Matty" Ratliff on July 14, 1842, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on April 29, 1907,

at Pike County, Kentucky, and that Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott had the following children:

1) William W. Scott, born on March 1, 1843, at Pike County, Kentucky,

2) Henry Clay Scott, born in about 1847 at Pike County, Kentucky,

3) Anna "Amy" (Scott) (Pinson) Pinson, born in about 1848 at Pike County, Kentucky,

4) Silas Scott, born in about 1850 at Pike County, Kentucky,

5) Winfield Scott, born in 1855 at Pike County, Kentucky.

6) Andrew Scott, born in about 1855 at Pike County, Kentucky,

7) John W. Scott, born on January 27, 1859, at Pike County, Kentucky,

8) Thomas C. Scott, born on April 10, 1886, at Pike County, Kentucky, and

9) Crittenden Scott, born on March 5, 1867, at Pike County, Kentucky.

i. <u>William W. Scott And His Wife Manda M. (Stratton) Scott</u>

William W. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William W. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born on March 1, 1843, at Pike County, Kentucky, married Manda M. Stratton on July 4, 1865, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on July 13, 1921.

ii. <u>Henry Clay Scott And His Wife Elizabeth (Pinson) Scott</u>

Henry Clay Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Henry Clay Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born in about 1847 at Pike County, Kentucky, married Elizabeth Pinson at Pike County, Kentucky, and that Elizabeth (Pinson) Scott was born in about 1845.

iii. Anna "Amy" (Scott) Pinson And Her Husband William R. Pinson

Anna "Amy" Scott was a daughter of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Anna "Amy" Scott was a daughter of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born in about 1848 at Pike County, Kentucky, married William R. Pinson about 1866 at Pike County, Kentucky, and that William R. Pinson was born in about 1846.

iv. Silas Scott, His Wife Martha (Dixon) Scott, And His Descendants

Silas Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Silas Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born in about 1850 at Pike County, Kentucky, married Martha Dixon on March 21, 1871, at Johnson County, Kentucky, and that Silas Scott and Martha (Dixon) Scott had the following child:

1) Bessie (Scott) Pugh, born in about 1873.

v. Winfield Scott

Winfield Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Winfield Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born in about 1855 at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on May 5, 1855, at Pike County, Kentucky.

vi. Andrew Scott And His Wife Nancy (Elswick) Scott

Andrew Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Andrew Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born in about 1855 at Pike County, Kentucky, and married Nancy Elswick on March 21, 1876, at Pike County, Kentucky.

vii. John W. Scott And His Wife Elizabeth (Williams Or Williamson) Scott

John W. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John W. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born on January 27, 1859, at Pike County, Kentucky, married Elizabeth Williams or Williamson, and died on May 18, 1924.

viii. Thomas C. Scott And His Wives Arminda (Pinson) Scott And Polly (Maynard) Scott

Thomas C. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas C. Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born on April 10, 1866, at Pike County, Kentucky, married first Arminda Pinson on January 22, 1884, at Pike County, Kentucky, married second Polly Maynard after August 31, 1902, and died on October 29, 1936, and that Arminda (Pinson) Scott was born on July 17, 1869, and died on August 31, 1902.

ix. Crittenden Scott And His Wife Pricey (Farley) Scott

Crittenden Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], Evan[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Crittenden Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Martha "Matty" (Ratliff) Scott, was born on March 5, 1867, at Pike County, Kentucky, married Pricey Farley on December 20, 1888, and died on May 7, 1932.

i. James Thomas Scott, His Wife Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott, And His Descendants

James Thomas Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that James Thomas Scott was a son of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born on February 5, 1823, at Pike County, Kentucky, married Lavinna Louisa Stafford on August 31, 1843, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died on April 25, 1898, that Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott was born on March 15, 1825, at Logan County, Virginia, and died on August 20, 1893, and that James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott had the following children:

1) Elizabeth Scott, born on December 11, 1844,
2) Nancy Scott, born on February 13, 1846,
3) William Tazewell Scott, born on September 15, 1848,
4) John H. Scott, born on July 4, 1849, at Pike County, Kentucky,
5) Anderson T. Scott, born on May 19, 1851,
6) Emery M. Scott, born on March 9, 1853,
7) Pauline Scott, born January 26, 1855,
8) Rebecca Scott, born on December 25, 1857,
9) Columbia Scott, born on December 25, 1858,
10) Lydia Scott, born on March 7, 1861,
11) ____ Scott, born on May 30, 1863,
12) Mitchell Scott, born on October 5, 1864, and
13) Louisa Scott, born on July 11, 1869.

i. Elizabeth Scott

Elizabeth Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on December 11, 1844.

ii. Nancy Scott

Nancy Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on February 13, 1846.

iii. William Tazewell Scott

William Tazewell Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Tazewell Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on September 15, 1848.

iv. John H. Scott, His Wife Louisa (Morris) Scott, And His Descendants

John W. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that John H. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott, was born on July 4, 1849, at Pike County, Kentucky, and married Louisa Morris and that John H. Scott and Louisa (Morris) Scott had the following child:

1) Alanson Burl Scott.

v. Anderson T. Scott

Anderson T. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Anderson T. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on May 19, 1851.

vi. Emery M. Scott

Emery M. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Emery M. Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on March 9, 1853.

vii. Pauline Scott

Pauline Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Pauline Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on January 26, 1855.

viii. Rebecca Scott

Rebecca Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rebecca Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on December 25, 1857.

ix. Columbia Scott

Columbia Scott was a child of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Columbia Scott was a child of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on December 25, 1858.

x. Lydia Scott

Lydia Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lydia Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on March 7, 1861.

xi. ____ Scott

____ Scott was a child of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that ____ Scott was a child of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on May 30, 1863, and died on May 30, 1863.

xii. Mitchell Scott

Mitchell Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mitchell Scott was a son of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on October 5, 1864.

xiii. Louisa Scott

Louisa Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3], James Thomas[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Louisa Scott was a daughter of James Thomas Scott and Lavinna Louisa (Stafford) Scott and was born on July 11, 1869.

j. Rebecca (Scott) Blackburn And Her Husband William Blackburn

Rebecca (Scott) Blackburn was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], William[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Rebecca Scott was a daughter of William Scott and Elizabeth (McCoy) Scott, was born in 1827 at Pike County, Kentucky, married William Blackburn on November 15, 1843, at Pike County, Kentucky, and died in 1910.

7. Evan Scott, His Wife Nancy (Green) Scott, And His Descndants

Evan Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Evan Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born in about 1788 possibly at Washington County, Virginia, married Nancy Green on June 15, 1812, at Campbell County, Kentucky, and died between 1841 and 1850, that Nancy (Green) Scott was born about 1791 and died between 1841 and 1850, and that Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott had the following children:

1) Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor, born in 1813 at Madison County, Kentucky,
2) ____ Scott, born between 1820 and 1825,
3) Elizabeth A. (Scott) Carter, born in 1823,
4) George Scott, born in about 1832 at Kentucky,

5) Mary E. (Scott) Ditto, born on July 11, 1835, at Grayson County, Kentucky, and

6) Jefferson Scott, born in about 1839 at Kentucky.

a. Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor, Her Husband William Proctor, And Her Descendants

Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Dorcas W. Scott was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott, was born in 1813 at Madison County, Kentucky, married William Proctor, and died on September 6, 1858, at Grayson County, Kentucky, that William Proctor died before 1858, and that Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor had the following children:

1) Elizabeth F. Proctor, born on October 27, 1852, at Grayson County, Kentucky,

2) Charles W. Proctor, born on September 21, 1854, at Grayson County, Kentucky, and

3) Thomas J. Proctor, born on September 5, 1857, at Grayson County, Kentucky.

i. Elizabeth F. Proctor

Elizabeth F. Proctor was a daughter of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3], Dorcas W.[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth F. Proctor was a daughter of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor and was born on October 27, 1852, at Grayson County, Kentucky.

ii. Charles W. Proctor

Charles W. Proctor was a son of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3], Dorcas W.[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Charles W. Proctor was a son of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor and was born on September 21, 1854, at Grayson County, Kentucky.

iii. Thomas J. Proctor

Thomas J. Proctor was a son of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3], Dorcas W.[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas J. Proctor was a son of Dorcas W. (Scott) Proctor and William Proctor and was born on September 5, 1857, at Grayson County, Kentucky.

b. ____ Scott

____ Scott was a child of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that ____ Scott was a child of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott, was born between 1820 and 1825.

c. Elizabeth A. (Scott) Carter And Her Husband Clabourn Carter

Elizabeth A. (Scott) Carter was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth A. Scott was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott, was born in 1823, married Clabourn Carter, and died on September 1, 1852, at Grayson County, Kentucky, and that Clabourn Carter was born in 1813 at Virginia and died after September 1, 1852.

d. George Scott

George Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that George Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott and was born in about 1832 at Kentucky.

e. Mary E. (Scott) Ditto And Her Husband Henry Alfred Ditto

Mary E. (Scott) Ditto was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary E. Scott was a daughter of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott, was born on July 11, 1835, at Grayson County, Kentucky, married Henry Alfred Ditto on February 21, 1855, at Breckinridge County, Kentucky, and died on November 30, 1913, at Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, and that Henry Alfred Ditto died on February 2, 1891, at Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

f. Jefferson Scott

Jeffeson Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Evan[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Jefferson Scott was a son of Evan Scott and Nancy (Green) Scott and was born in about 1839 at Kentucky.

8. Kemp Scott, His Wife Anna (Allee) Scott, And His Descendants

Kemp Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed a copy of letter written by Ralph Petty Scott, a son of Kemp Scott and grandson of Axton Scott and Dorcas (Wright) Scott, and now in the possession of William Jewell College, which provided as follows:

"Elder Kemp Scott

> This faithful Servant and minister of Jesus Christ died at his residence in Carroll County Missouir on the 13 day of April 1864 he wa born in Wasington County Virginia on the 20 day of June 1790 his Father Axton Scott died when he was about Eighteen months old leaving his Mother Dorcas with Eight children and but little means for their Support or Education his Mother died Shortly after the

Father and he was put under the ceare of a Brotherinlaw where he remained until 1810 wen he Emigrated to Barren County Ky. on the 24 day of May that year he was united in marriage to Anna Allee the daughter of Elder David Allee by Eld N. Petty he was converted the September following and was Baptised in to the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Glovers Creek by Elder Petty on the tghird Lords day in May 1811 In the year 1815 though possessing verry limited Education he commeced preaching Was set apart for ordination by the Cumberlan River Church Monre County Ky and was ordained on the first Lords day in December 1820 by Elder Hiram Casey James Horse(?) and Robert Norvill"

In her email dated June 9, 2000, Libby Preston enclosed a copy of a biography of Kemp Scott from A History of Kentucky Baptists From 1769 to 1885 by J. H. Spencer, 1886, which stated as follows:

"Kemp Scott was born in Washington county, Va., June 20, 1791. He was early left an orphan, and was raised by his grandfather, receiving a very limited education. In 1810, he emigrated to Kentucky, and marrying, in May of that year, settled in Barren County. In the following September, he was converted, and was baptized into the fellowship of Glovers Creek church, by Ralph Petty. He commenced exercising his gift, in 1815, and having moved to Monroe county, was set apart for ordination by Cumberland church of which John B. Longan was pastor, and was ordained in December 1820, by Hiram Casey, James Fears, and Robert Norvell. He was very active and zealous, and proportionately popular. He was pastor of at least five churches in Stocktons Valley and Green River Associations, during the brief period he remained in Kentucky. In October, 1824, he moved to Missouri, and settled in Cooper county. Here he united with a small church, called Mt. Pleasant, to which he preached nineteen years, leaving it with over 200 members. He remained in Cooper county, till 1846. During his stay there, he served, for different periods, twelve churches, and rode five years as missionary. At the last named date, he moved to Carroll county, and accepted the appointment of Missionary for North Grand River Association. Of this body he was Moderator six years. While living in Carroll county, he was pastor, at different times, of eleven churches. He was a strong advocate of sunday-schools, temperance societies, and other benevolent enterprises. It was estminated that during his ministry, he baptized over 1,200 converts and aided in the constitution of 20 churches. He raised twelve children, all of whom became church-members, and one of them, at least, R. P. Scott, a minister. He died at his home in Carroll county, Mo., April 13, 1864."

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Kemp Scott was a son of Dorcas (Wright) Scott and Axton Scott, was born on June 20, 1790, at Washington County, Virginia, resided

in 1810 at Barren County, Kentucky, married Anna Allee on May 21, 1810, at Barren County, Kentucky, was ordained in 1815 at Cumberland River Church, Monroe County, Missouri, resided in 1824 at Cooper County, Missouri, resided in 1846 at Carroll County, Missouri, and died on April 13, 1864, at Carroll County, Missouri, that Anna (Allee) Scott was born about 1791 at Virginia, and that Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott had the following children:

1) Walter Beauford Scott, born in 1811,
2) Winnifred "Winny" Scott, born in 1812,
3) Sarah Scott, born in 1814,
4) Charity Scott, born in 1817,
5) Elizabeth Scott, born in 1819,
6) Ralph Petty Scott, born on May 29, 1822, at Barren County, Kentucky,
7) Lewis E. Scott, born in 1824,
8) Peter W. Scott, born in 1826,
9) Jane Ann (Scott) Calvert, born in 1828,
10) David Kemp Scott, born in January 1832,
11) Mary J. (Scott) Calvert, born in 1834, and
12) Thomas A. Scott, born in 1835.

a. Walter Beauford Scott And His Wife Josephine (____) Scott

Walter Beauford Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Walter Beauford Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1811, married Josephine ____ in about 1838, and died in about 1869 and that Josephine (____) Scott was born in 1829.

b. Winnifred "Winny" (Scott) Medlin And Her Husband Hardy Medlin

Winnifred "Winny" (Scott) Medlin was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Winnifred "Winny" Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1812, and married Hardy Medlin.

c. Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Sarah Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott and was born in 1814.

d. Charity Scott

Charity Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Charity Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott and was born in 1817.

e. Elizabeth Scott

Elizabeth Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Elizabeth Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott and was born in 1819.

f. Ralph Petty Scott, His Wives Nancy T. (Chalis) Scott, Martha W. (Pinson) Scott And Sarah M. (Vinson) Scott, And His Descendants

Ralph Petty Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Ralph Petty Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born on May 29, 1822, at Barren County, Kentucky, married first Nancy T. Chalis on March 8, 1842, married second Martha W. Ponson on

October 29, 1846, at Jasper County, Missouri, married third Sarah M. Vinson on March 24, 1863, and died about 1885 at Cooper County, Missouri, that Nancy T. (Chalis) Scott died on August 19, 1845, that Martha W. (Pinson) Scott was born in 1830 and died on July 7, 1862, that Sarah M. (Vinson) Scott was born in 1838 and dieed on May 13, 1884, and that Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott had the following children:

1) Nancy D. Scott, born in 1850,
2) Sarah A. Scott, born in 1853, and
3) Dorcas J. Scott, born in 1855,

and that Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Vinson) Scott had the following children:

1) Edward Wright Scott, born on January 18, 1864,
2) Betty Scott, born in 1870,
3) Ruth Katherine Scott, born in 1871, and
4) Flora Scott, born in 1873.

i. Nancy D. Scott

Nancy D. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Nancy D. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1850.

ii. Sarah A. Scott

Sarah A. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Sarah A. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1853.

iii. Dorcas J. Scott

Dorcas J. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Dorcas J. Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Martha W. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1855.

iv. Edward Wright Scott

Edward Wright Scott was a son of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Edward Wright Scott was a son of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott, was born on January 18, 1864, and died on June 17, 1929.

v. Betty Scott

Betty Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Betty Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1870.

vi. Ruth Katherine Scott

Ruth Katherine Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Ruth Katherine Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1871.

vii. Flora Scott

Flora Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3], Ralph Petty[4])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Flora Scott was a daughter of Ralph Petty Scott and Sarah M. (Pinson) Scott and was born in 1873.

g. Lewis E. Scott And His Wife Jemima (Gentry) Scott

Lewis E. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Lewis E. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1824, married Jemima Gentry in about 1847, and died in 1896, that Jemima (Gentry) Scott was born in 1828 and died in 1888.

h. Peter W. Scott, His Wife Lucinda (Martin) Scott, And His Descendants

Peter W. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Peter W. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1826, married Lucinda Martin in about 1846, and died in 1886, that Lucinda (Martin) Scott was born in 1826 and died in 1899, and that Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott had the following children:

1) Sarah J. Scott, born in 1848,
2) Matilda Scott, born in 1850,
3) Mary E. Scott, born in 1852,
4) Theodosia Scott, born in 1858,
5) William David Scott, born in 1860,
6) James P. Scott, born in 1862,
7) Wood Scott, born in 1863,
8) Missouri Ellen Scott, born in 1864, and
9) Stephen A. Scott, born in 1868.

i. Sarah J. Scott

Sarah J. Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Sarah J. Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1848.

ii. Matilda Scott

Matilda Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Matilda Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1850.

iii. Mary E. Scott

Mary E. Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary E. Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1852.

iv. Theodosia Scott

Theodosia Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Theodosia Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1858.

v. William David Scott

William David Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that William Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1860.

vi. James P. Scott

James P. Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that James P. Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1862.

vii. Wood Scott

Wood Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Wood Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1863.

viii. Missouri Ellen Scott

Missouri Ellen Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Missouri Ellen Scott was a daughter of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott and was born in 1864.

ix. Stephen A. Scott, His Wife Idee (____) Scott, And His Descendants

Stephen A. Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Peter W.[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Stephen A. Scott was a son of Peter W. Scott and Lucinda (Martin) Scott, was born in 1868, married Idee ____, and died in 1931, that Idee (____) Scott was born in 1870 and died in 1931, and that Stephen A. Scott and Idee (____) Scott had the following children:

1) Mary Ellen Scott,
2) Ethel M. Scott, born in 1889,
3) Harrison Scott, born in 1892,
4) Opal Lucinda (Scott) Bachtel, born in 1897,
5) Sylvia R. Scott, born in 1898.

i. Jane (Scott) Calvert And Her Husband John B. Calvert

Jane (Scott) Calvert was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Jane Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1828, and married John B. Calvert and that John B. Calvert was born in 1822.

j. David Kemp Scott, His Wife Elizabeth (Doty) Scott, And His Descendants

David Kemp Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that David Kemp Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in January 1832, and married Elizabeth Doty, that Elizabeth (Doty) Scott was born in 1836, and that David Kemp Scott and Elizabeth (Doty) Scott had the following child:

1) Isaac Peter Scott, born in 1879.

i. Isaac Peter Scott, His Wife Nellie Ann (Chance) Scott, And His Descendants

Isaac Peter Scott was a son of David Kemp Scott and Elizabeth (Doty) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], David Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Isaac Peter Scott was a son of David Kemp Scott and Elizabeth (Doty) Scott, was born in 1879, married Nellie Ann Chance, and died in 1970, that Nellie Ann (Chance) Scott was born in 1886 and died in 1925, and that Isaac Peter Scott and Nellie Ann (Chance) Scott had the following child:

1) Arthur Gordon Scott, born in 1922.

k. Mary J. (Scott) Calvert And Her Husband James Calvert

Mary J. (Scott) Calvert was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Mary J. Scott was a daughter of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1834, and married James Calvert in about 1854 and that James Calvert was born in 1830.

I. Thomas A. Scott And His Wife Elizabeth (____) Scott

Thomas A. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott. (1763 Thomas[1], Dorcas[2], Kemp[3])

In their letter dated January 5, 1999, W. S. "Buddy" and Linda Grubbs enclosed family group sheets which stated that Thomas A. Scott was a son of Kemp Scott and Anna (Allee) Scott, was born in 1835, and married Elizabeth ____ in about 1854 and that Elizabeth (____) Scott was born in 1834.

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